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DOLL COLLECTION

Mrs Alice Verena Knight, of Coulsdon, Surrey, travelled all over the world collecting dolls of every kind in national costume. It was her wish that when she died the dolls should give pleasure to others. In her will just published, she left them to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Mrs Knight left £3,000.

VICTORY BADGES

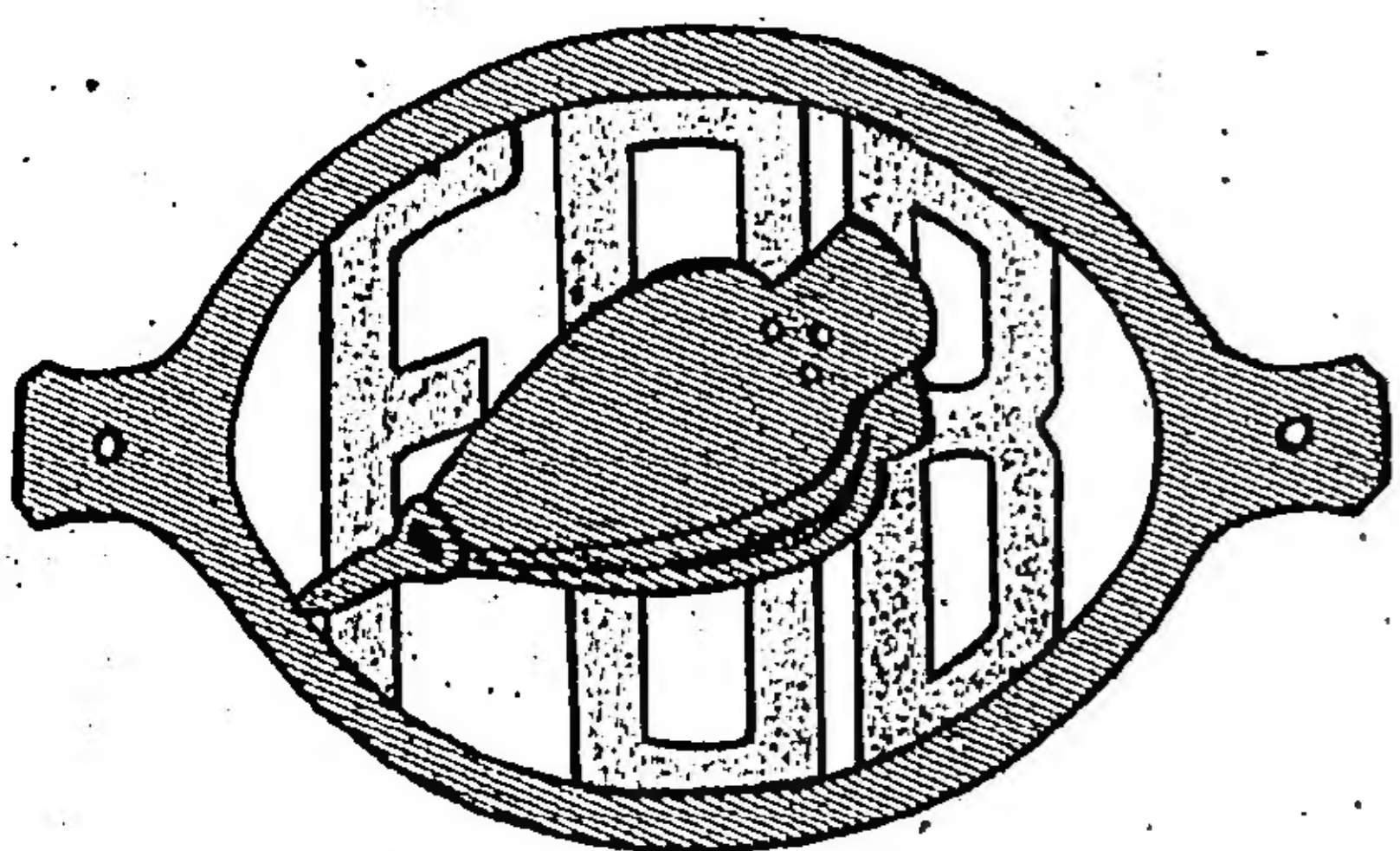
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Saturday, the 6th September, 1941. (Additional Holiday).

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

Ferry Services will stop at midnight on Friday, 5th September, 1941, and resume at 5.20 a.m. on Saturday, 6th September, 1941.

The last ferry will leave Hongkong at 11.55 p.m.

The last ferry will leave Kowloon at 11.55 p.m.

By Order of the Harbour Master.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

R.A.F. Pays Boys To Go To 'Varsity

Eighteen-year-old boy, cinema operator Victor Lacey, of East Sheen, is receiving a university education at the expense of the R.A.F.

Victor is the ward of an East Sheen collector. "When my old schoolmaster wrote to me about the R.A.F. scheme to send boys to university and groom them for commissions," he said, "I jumped at the chance. I never thought I'd be lucky enough to go to university and get a chance to become a pilot."

'Blue' And Wings?

Now Victor spends his R.A.F. pocket money rowing on the river on his spare afternoons, so he may get his "blue" as well as his wings.

Public schoolboys, clerks, insurance men, and elementary schoolboys are already sharing lectures with Victor under this plan.

Said a squadron leader with a peacetime reputation as an educationist: "We find that university education gives a broader view to the boys. All we ask is a school-leaving certificate, the recommendation of a master, physical fitness, and a desire to fly."

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	Lot 1, Mong Kok, New Kowloon	100 feet by 100 feet	1.00	1.00	\$1,780

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$3,167.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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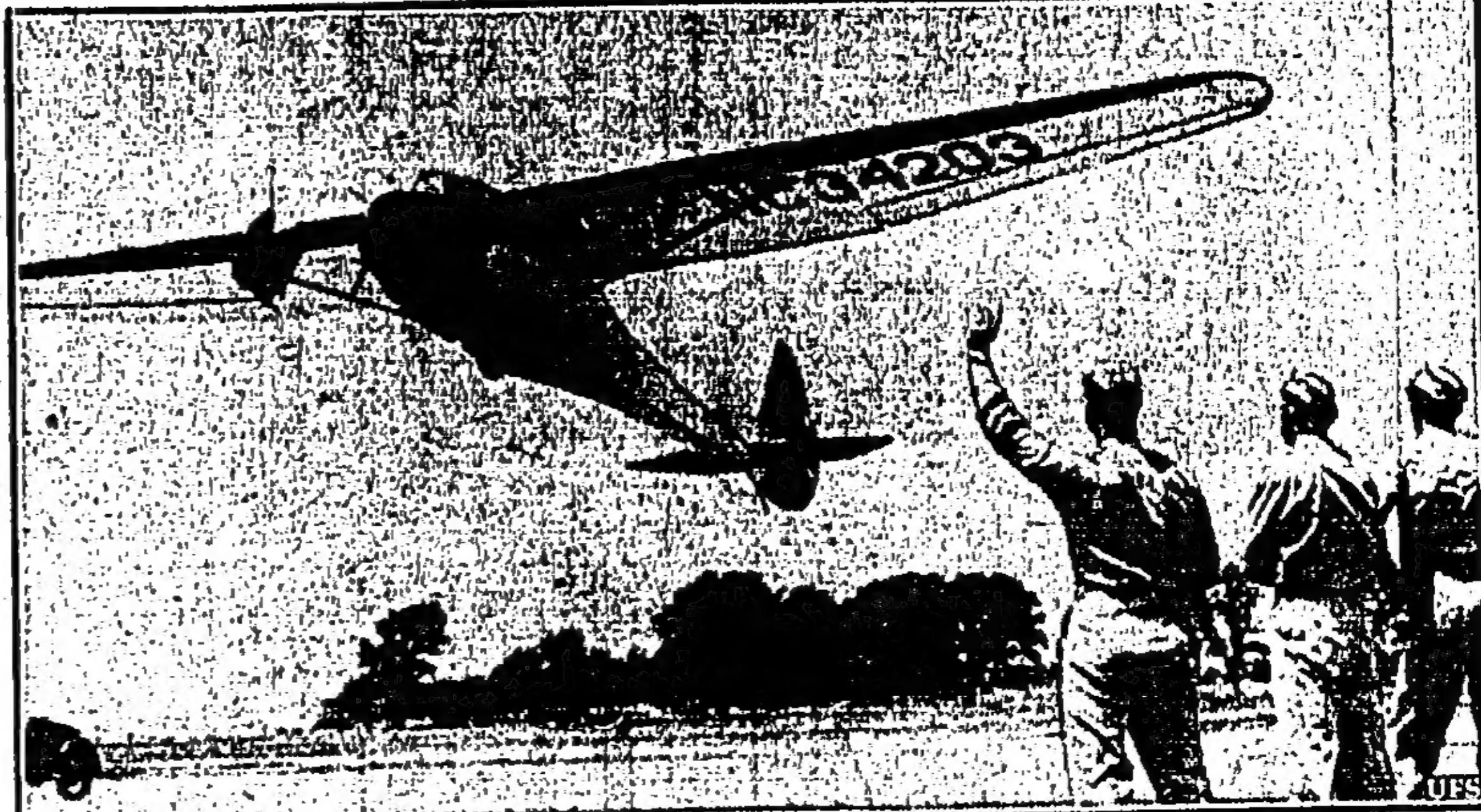
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2	Lot 2, Shamshui, New Kowloon	100 feet by 100 feet	1.00	1.00	\$1,780

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,708.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday is:

Buyers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,440
Union Ins.	\$430
Wharves	\$91.50
Docks	\$17.50
Providents	\$6.65
Lands	\$30
Humphreys	\$7.15
Chinese Estates K.D.	\$100
Trans	\$17.50
Lights "N"	\$1.85
Electricity "O" Rts K.D.	\$21.50
Electricity "N"	\$21
Electricity Rts	\$11.20
Cement	\$15.80
Sellers	
Docks	\$17.70
Lands	\$36.75
Sales	
Docks	\$17.80/70
Providents	\$6.60
Trans	\$17.50
Electricity "O" Rts K.D.	\$22
Electricity Rts	\$11.30
Cement	\$15.80
Ropes	\$9.35/65



ARMY TAKES TO GLIDING—Taking lessons from Germany's method of troop transport, the U.S. Army is studying gliding. Six U.S. Air Corps pilots are taking a course at Frankfort-Lewis School of Soaring, Lockport, Ill. Here, some of them wave as fellow-students take off. Germans are reported to be building huge gliders that will carry up to 30 persons each.

Tokyo Finds Niseis In Japan May Retain U. S. Citizenship

The Tokyo announcement that American citizens of Japanese ancestry—popularly known as "Nisei"—can continue to reside in Japan and still maintain their citizenship removes one of the main concerns which has hung over the heads of this large American group for many months past, according to a Shanghai dispatch to the "Christian Science Monitor."

There are several thousand Japanese-Americans in Japan and in other parts of Japanese-controlled Asia who have hoped that they would not lose their coveted United States citizenship papers due to a reported plan to require them to return to the United States within six months or be classified as aliens. The U.S. Consul-General in Tokyo has announced, however, that they may remain in Japan and continue to be classed as Americans so long as they do not serve in the Japanese Army or take Japanese Government jobs open only to Japanese subjects.

MANNING EXERCISES

Lighting Restrictions At Midnight To-night

Lighting restrictions in various parts of the Colony will be commenced as from midnight to-night. The period of the ban, which is introduced under the Defence Regulations, tallies with the Defence Forces manning exercises.

The Star Ferry, Company notifies that the last ferry will leave from each side of the harbour at 11.55 p.m. to-night, and the ferry will not resume until 5.20 a.m. to-morrow.

The public is reminded that during the exercises there will be considerable military traffic across the harbour, involving use of the vehicular ferry, particularly between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. to-day, and the public is requested to co-operate and restrict to a minimum non-essential vehicular traffic from the Mainland to the Island.

A notice is published in the Government Gazette forbidding the illumination of any sky sign, facia, or advertisement, or the display of any other light outside or at the entrance to any premises, or on any hoarding in Victoria, Kowloon and New Kowloon, during the period from midnight to-day until sunrise to-morrow and in Aberdeen; and in Victoria and Kowloon, east of the line drawn from the China Fleet Club to Holt's Wharf, from 10 p.m. on September 7 to sunrise on September 8, except with the special permission of the Police.

All street lighting and lights on piers and wharves during the period and in the areas specified will also be extinguished excepting light necessary for working of cargo on vessels or for carrying on essential works in dockyards.

ARMY FUNERAL

Sergeant of Royal Scots Laid to Rest

Sergeant Martin J. C. Elliott of the Royal Scots, who was found shot dead with a service rifle beside his body at Victoria Barracks early yesterday morning, was buried with full military honours at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. Captain G. Bennett, Military Chaplain, officiated.

The funeral procession left the Military Hospital about 5.45 p.m., led by a detachment of men from the Royal Scots. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack and carrying Sergeant Elliott's glengarry, belt and side-arms, was mounted on a gun-carriage which was followed by a large contingent of men of the Regiment.

The Pipe Major of the Royal Scots played a lament, before the firing of three volleys, and after the salute by the firing party, a squad of six buglers of the Regiment sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille".

The late Sergeant Elliott came to Hongkong with his Regiment about three years ago and had many friends, both in military and civil circles. He leaves a widow and a baby girl of about two years, both evacuees in Australia.

Lt Col. D. J. McDougall, Officer Commanding, Royal Scots, Major H. C. Harland and Major J. Mrs S.E.H. White were among the large number of Royal Scots officers and others present. There were representatives of other Regiments.

The Nisei problem arises from Japanese emigration to the United States years ago. Their children, born on American soil, are American citizens just like any other child born in the United States. But they may also be Japanese subjects if their parents registered them shortly after their birth at a nearby Japanese Consulate. In that case they have two citizenships each of which is valid.

The Nisei who lives in Hawaii or California or elsewhere in the United States and who never leaves the country experience no legal problems. When in America one may go to a Japanese Consulate and formally renounce his Japanese citizenship. Many Nisei do so. But once he arrives in Japan he can't renounce Japanese citizenship although he can go to an American Consulate in Japan and renounce his American citizenship.

In Japan the Nisei is regarded legally by the Government of Japan as a Japanese citizen, provided he hasn't gone through the renunciation formally before he arrived. And as a Japanese citizen he's just as liable as any other Japanese to Japanese law and custom. He can be drafted for the Army or put into the Navy. He can be sent to fight in Mongolia or he can be put in the Navy Department as a translator.

Serving in China
A good many Japanese-American boys from Hawaii, California, Chicago or New York to-day are serving on the battle fronts of China.

Difficulties face their marriages to "pure" Japanese girls. Under American law that wife can't go to America as an immigrant seeking citizenship. As an Oriental she is barred from citizenship. She can go as a visitor or student but she can't live in the United States permanently. A child, however, can become an American citizen under certain circumstances. In order to do so he has to go to America at a fairly early age and live there for several years, but that, of course, separates him from his mother during his teens.

Washington, Sept. 4.
Mr. Edward Taylor, 83, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the oldest member of Congress, died to-day.—United Press.

AEROPLANE CAMPAIGN

Dollar Fund Launched By Chinese in Colony

Representatives from about 30 Chinese business and charitable organisations were present at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce premises in Connaught Road Central, yesterday, when the "Aero-plane Fund Campaign" was launched in the Colony. Mr Tung Chung-wai, President of the Chamber, acted as Chairman.

The fund is already in full swing in China, and Major General Chan Hing-wan, vice-Minister of Overseas Affairs, after explaining China's need for more planes, reported that over \$500,000 had already been donated by the people of Szechuan.

The campaign will last until December 3, and the first committee meeting, which will be held on September 9 at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, will be attended by a representative from each of 39 organisations.

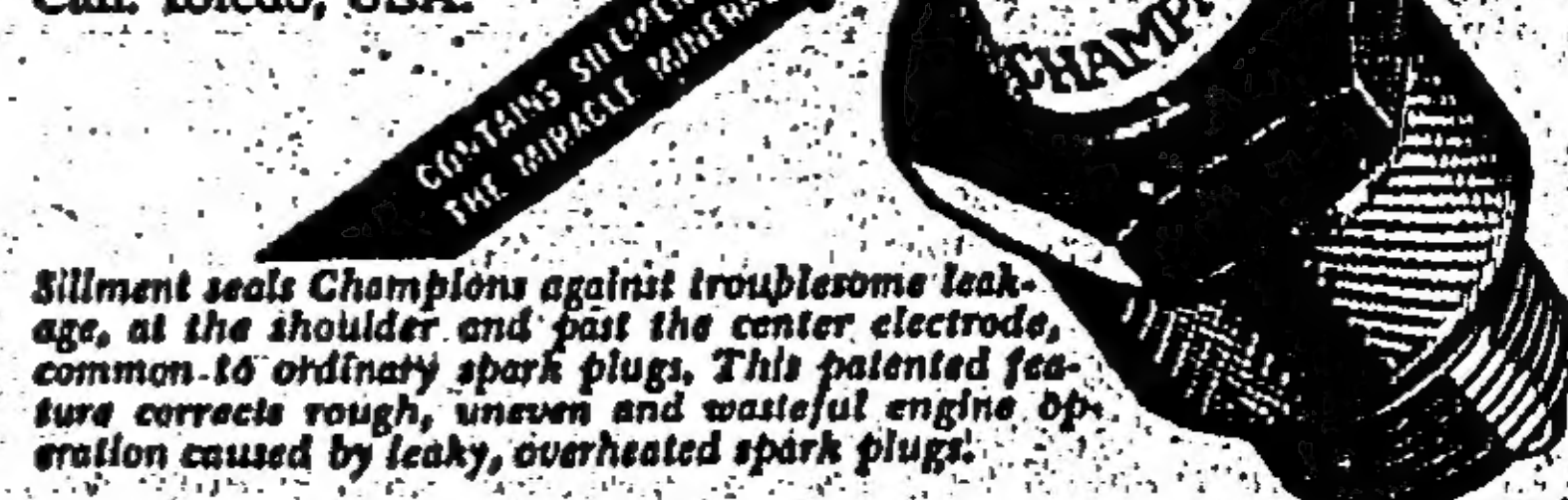
Yesterday's meeting ended with a patriotic gesture by a Mr. Teol Chiu, a member of the Laundrymen's and Dyeing Guild, who took off his gold finger ring, and gave it to the Aero-plane Fund. A Chinese doctor also donated the sum of two dollars.

BISHOP HALL TO LECTURE IN U.S.

The Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, has left the Colony on a visit to the United States, where he will lecture for two months at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass., on mission work, with particular reference to China. The Bishop also hopes to give lectures on the China Industrial Co-operatives while in America, and will also make appeals for financial aid for Bishop Tsui of Yunnan. It is learned that Bishop Hall has also received an invitation to speak with Miss Agnes Smedley in Hollywood on "Assistance to China". Bishop Hall will not be going to England, and expects to leave America for Hongkong about the middle of December.

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W. H. EVANS THOMAS, Manager.

POST OFFICE

GENERAL HOLIDAY
On Saturday, 6th September, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuan, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien, Kwangtung, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th September...Sept. 11.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th September...Sept. 25.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS
Friday, Sept. 5.
Air Mail by Air to Bangkok to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.F.O. and G.P.O.
Reg.Sept. 5, 4.00 p.m.
Ord.Sept. 5, 4.30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8.
Air Mail by Air to Bangkok to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.F.O. and G.P.O.
Reg.Sept. 8, 4 p.m.
Ord.Sept. 8, 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".
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Original Screenplay by Harold Shanno
Based on "When the Culture Bled" by Kenneth Dallas and Jack Newman, Jr.
Directed by GEORGE MARSHALL - A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
Also Latest UNIVERSAL WAR NEWSREEL

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Racing Season Rolls Around Again

Beas River Paddocks Not Quite Ready

Ponies Weather Summer Well At Happy Valley

ANOTHER SUMMER has come and gone, but members of the Hongkong Jockey Club have not been able to make use of their own grazing ground in Fanling, for owing to unsettled conditions the development of Fanling property has somewhat been delayed through lack of building materials, but it is reliably learned that the buildings and stables will be completed before the end of the year.

This huge property of the club has been named "Beas River Paddocks"—the future summer resort of our "dumb friends" during the recess.

It would really interest one to know what is the actual acreage of Beas River Paddocks, because land in the New Territories is very cheap. I reported in my racing notes of June 9, 1939, that the Hongkong Jockey Club had started negotiations to purchase a big piece of land for ponies to graze.

Since then they have purchased additional lots and the cost of land alone, I understand, is over \$99,000. Judging from the figures disclosed by the chairman, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, at the half-yearly general meeting held in May, there is good reason to believe that there will be accommodation for over five hundred ponies.

A sum of over \$200,000 had already been expended and the amount includes the purchase of additional lots, the cost of levelling, draining, fencing and the planting of trees and shrubs.

It is estimated that a further sum of three lakhs will be required for the full development of the property. When completed it will undoubtedly be the only racing club in the Orient that will have an up-to-date grazing ground for the sole use of members.

Summered Well

HOWEVER, in the absence of a luxurious grassland, all the Australian and Chinese ponies (excepting a few) did not leave the Colony for their holidays, and there is no doubt that all of them had spent the summer well at the stables, Village Road.

It appears all the racers were delighted to get back in harness, and of course, training is now in full swing with the work more or less confined to a collected pace. We are bound to see some fast gallops during next week.

Transfers

THERE have been a good few transfers of Australian and Chinese racers to several new homes, and all of them will, of course, run under their new respective racing colours at the coming meeting.

The most important change is Mrs. Grasset's Snapper going to the stable, Tasma, belonging to Capt. Holmes, while Lady Northcote's Devonian has been made a gift to Mrs. W. T. Stanton.

The novice jockey T. L. Tseng is now the owner of A Good Time, Pigtail and Pumpnickel, and C. L. Gregory is going to have "a go" at that sulky pony, Silver Spear.

Rivulet seems to like her new owners, Shiu Brothers, and Santa-Anita becomes the property of Li Chuk-lai.

As to quantity, S. W. Lee has added to his long string, Eve of

Newcomers Prominent At Morning "Pows" Advice To Novices

FOUR SUCCESSFUL POWS were held during the early morning without rain to mar the unofficial meetings.

I am not a Chinese scholar, but it has been represented to me on good authority that the word "pow" in Shanghai among the trainers and mafios means a "trial test" between two or more ponies.

The "dark horse" racket in Shanghai originated from these pows and Hongkong copied the line of business from a different angle.

There are a few newcomers worth watching among the novice events and the best three are L. Bluestone, L. G. Perkins and T. L. Tseng.

The latter rode a smart race on A Good Time because his judgment of pace was certainly good and there was a perfect rhythm in the combination.

The success of B. K. Yip on Odeon was a motorcar ride, for his mount was far too good against the other stumblers.

The Jitters

I have nothing to gain in saying that a few apprentices among the "also rans" appeared to have the jitters and they were certainly afraid to be up with the field.

Li Winston Churchill of the Fourth Hussars, now the Prime Minister, once said:

"No hour of life is lost that is spent in the saddle. Young men have often been ruined through owning horses, or through backing horses, but never through riding them. Unless, of course, they break their necks, which, taken at a gallop, is a very good death to die."

Everybody knows that it is against the rules of racing to cross, jostle, or any act on the part of the jockey, but there can be no disqualification to be up with the field provided, of course, the novice keeps a straight course without interfering with other runners.

The incessant practice of keeping too far back must be avoided at the beginning (never to be afraid of "mud bath" or bumping at the start) otherwise one will never reach the top of the ladder.

Dancing, Eve of Hunting, Eve of Folly, Just in Time, King Kong, Sun's Choice and This Time, and this young novice owner now has over three dozen racers.

Australians' Autumn Plate On September 27

Colossal Weight For United Express

A FINE PROGRAMME has been framed by the racing Stewards for the extra meeting to be held on September 27, and the Double Tenth Meeting's programme of two days has also been announced.

1942 Race Fixtures

Annual Meeting Brought Forward One Month

A LIST of race fixtures for 1942 under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club has been circulated to members and it may interest the racing public to know that there are two additional extra meetings as against 13 of the present season.

The Annual Carnival has been brought forward almost a month, and the first extra meeting is scheduled to be held on February 21. The following is a list of 1942's fixtures:

Saturday, January 31, Annual Meeting
Monday, February 2, do
Tuesday, do 3
Wednesday, do 4
Saturday, February 21—First Extra.
Saturday, March 7—Second Extra.
Saturday, March 21—Third Extra.
Saturday, April 4—Fourth Extra.
Monday (Easter), April 6—Fourth Extra.
Saturday, April 10—Fifth Extra.
Saturday, April 20—Sixth Extra.
Saturday, May 23—Seventh Extra.
Monday (Whitew), May 25 (Seventh Extra).
Saturday, June 6—Eighth Extra.
Saturday, September 28—Ninth Extra.
Saturday, October 10—Tenth Extra.
Saturday, October 24—Eleventh Extra.
Saturday, November 7—Twelfth Extra.
Saturday, November 21—Thirteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 5—Fourteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 19—Fifteenth Extra.

The resumption of our fortnightly meetings will be marked by the introduction of three divisions in the Cantala Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs coupled with the inaugural contest, Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over a long distance of two and a quarter miles.

The innovation means another forward move in the interest of owners and the racing public, and it will undoubtedly be much appreciated by the punters.

Most Important

THERE is no space here to reproduce the ten interesting events of the September meeting, but the most important race on the card is the Australian Subscription Ponies' Autumn Plate confined to the Subscription ponies of this season.

The weight to be carried by the candidates is 140 lb. with a pound penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes and the limit is a run over the champion course of one and a quarter miles. The winner is to receive \$1,500 while the second will get \$800 and the third prize is \$300.

The conditions of this classic event will inhibit the owner of United Express from entering his champion sub on account of the preposterous imposition of avoidups.

Probables

WE will have the entries for the above classic after the closing on Thursday, September 18, but in the meanwhile I append below a list of probable nominations with their respective weights:

Animal Star	Weight	Penalty
Araxy II	1,200	140 lb.
A Surprising Time	1,100	140
Amulet	1,000	140
Black Seal	2,500	123
Bona Vacantia	1,900	150
Birdie	2,900	145
Corsair	1,900	150
Crack Shot	1,200	140
Dashing Beauty	2,900	145
Dutch Treat	2,000	120
Endeavour	5,574	100
Happy Returns	2,300	147
Hole in One	1,000	145
Joan	1,200	140
Just Gentling	1,200	140
King's Flight	3,300	127
Lex Forl	2,000	150
Malinal Beauty	3,000	143
Manhattan	1,800	149
Maple Leaf	1,500	148
Moonlight	2,300	147
Never-Never	1,500	148
Onions' Tiger	1,500	148
Royal Sovereign	1,500	148
Santa-Anita	3,000	133
Shirley Lady	1,500	148
Vitamin	1,500	148
United Express	10,000	105
Wayworth	1,000	144

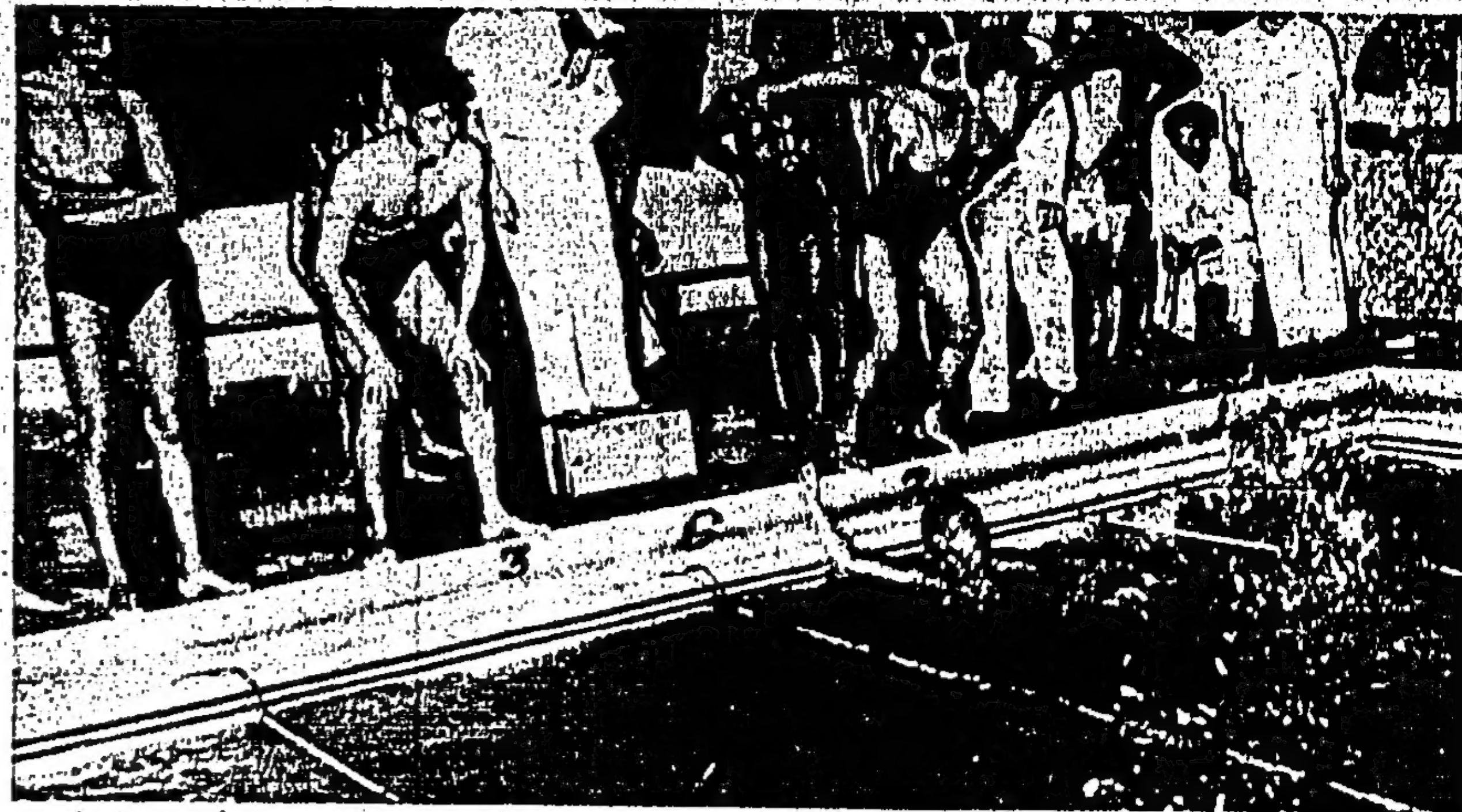
It will be seen from the above that United Express (if entered) has to shoulder 105 lb. over a middle distance run of 1 1/4 miles and it is interesting that the weight over the new scale for inches is a penalty of 43 lb.

It is without any question a terrific penalty, but one must not overlook the fact that the pony has had a good innings and has gained \$10,000 for the owner. I do not expect that United Express will be entered, for it would be wasting the nomination fee \$3.

Other Heavies

ENDEAVOUR has also a heavy burden of 108 lb. to carry and the next in order comes Happy Returns with 104 lb. on her back. A Surprising Time has to tip the scale at 101 lb. while Malinal has to draw 100 lb.

It is useless to discuss the prospects at this juncture, for the trainers have over a fortnight to trim their candidates. But the race will be full of interesting possibilities and it is not necessary to say that one may look forward to a big fight.



The 120 yards medley relay at the Lai Tsun-University gala last week-end. Kenneth Lo ready to take over for the breast-stroke, while Tsang Cheong-ming just diving off as Lau Yiu-ting touches.—Ming Yuen.

Bumper Entries Expected For Colony Aquatic Championships

Chan Chun-nam Ready To Defend His Titles

(By "Tinker")

THERE'S NOTHING NEW from swimming circles. The majority are awaiting the climax of the season—the Colony Championships, which will be held on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4.

The closing day for entries, by the way, is tomorrow. Heats will be held between September 9 and 13, but the order of events has not yet been decided. This will depend on entries.

But there promises to be a bumper entry this year. Conversation invariably turns in that direction, while Ng Nin and one or two others have already availed themselves of the facilities of the V.R.C. for practice.

The recent form of Chan Chun-nam, which has won all the major events of the season, has raised anticipations of yet further records in the middle distances.

Twice within one week he bettered his Colony 440 time of last year, though it must be remembered that on both occasions he was swimming in the Chinese "Y" pool which is only 20 yards long.

The only other quarter-mile to approach within these times has been Yau Sai-kwan, youthful understudy of Chan who has also been doing extremely well throughout the year. Ng Nin was the great threat to most titles last year, but he found himself pressed by the crowded programme. This year different conditions exist. The heats and finals are spread over four weeks. There are only three men's events on each of the four final days.

As regards the sprints, not only has Davis Hutchinson been out of the picture for quite some time, but

a new threat in Tsui Hing has come into being.

OF the women, most improved has been Celeste Gutierrez. Running a close second, however, is Ho Wai-king of the Chinese Bathing Club. They will offer a challenge, but should not be able to beat Vivienne Churn over the 50 and 100 yards.

Miss Gutierrez should have little difficulty in taking the women's 220 and 440 yards free-style events.

Added to this trio will be Ko Miu-ling, of Lai Tsun, and Sa Wai-yung of the same Club—the latter, the back-stroke mermmaid. Tsang Fung-kwan, of Lai Tsun and Li Po-luen, of South China, are the outstanding breast-stroke swimmers, though Vivienne Churn must be considered for the 50 yards.

Jackie Anderson has been "down" for two weeks with flu, and though she returns to training to-day it is a matter of opinion how much of her old form she can recover in the short time left.

WITH the Championships, the V.R.C. will conclude a successful season, one which has been above the average in ambition. Their best initiative was shown in the arrangement of the inter-Schools gala last month.

The Club may be suffering from a lack of swimmers, but there's nothing wrong with their spirit.

St Leger Call-Over

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter)—Latest call-over for the St Leger which is being run on September 26, was as follows:

6-1 (t & o) Chateau La Rose.
17-2 (t & o) Suncoast.
9-1 (t & o) Devonian.
100-9 (t & o) Royalist.
100-8 (t & o) Bakhtawar.
100-6 (t & o) Lambert Sunmel and Starwort.
20-1 (t & o) Orthodox and Ptolemy.
23-1 (t & o) Dancing Time.
23-1 (t & o) Felma.
23-1 (t & o) Ferret Din.
23-1 (t & o) Royal Academy.
20-7 (t & o) Felma.
100-1 (t & o) Ranger.

U.S. Tennis

Kovacs Enters Singles Semi-finals

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 3 (Reuter)—Frankie Kovacs, indoor champion, who is fabled to succeed McNeill, entered the U.S. National Tennis semi-finals by beating Jack Kramer, 6-4, 7-5, 7-5.

The women's semi-finalists include Margaret Osborne and Pauline Betz. Miss Osborne, though not ranked in the first ten American tennis players, is enjoying a brilliant season and is capable of upsetting anybody. Miss Betz is now not favourite for the title, the winning of which would confirm the impression existing for several months that she is the outstanding player at present in American women's tennis.—Reuter.

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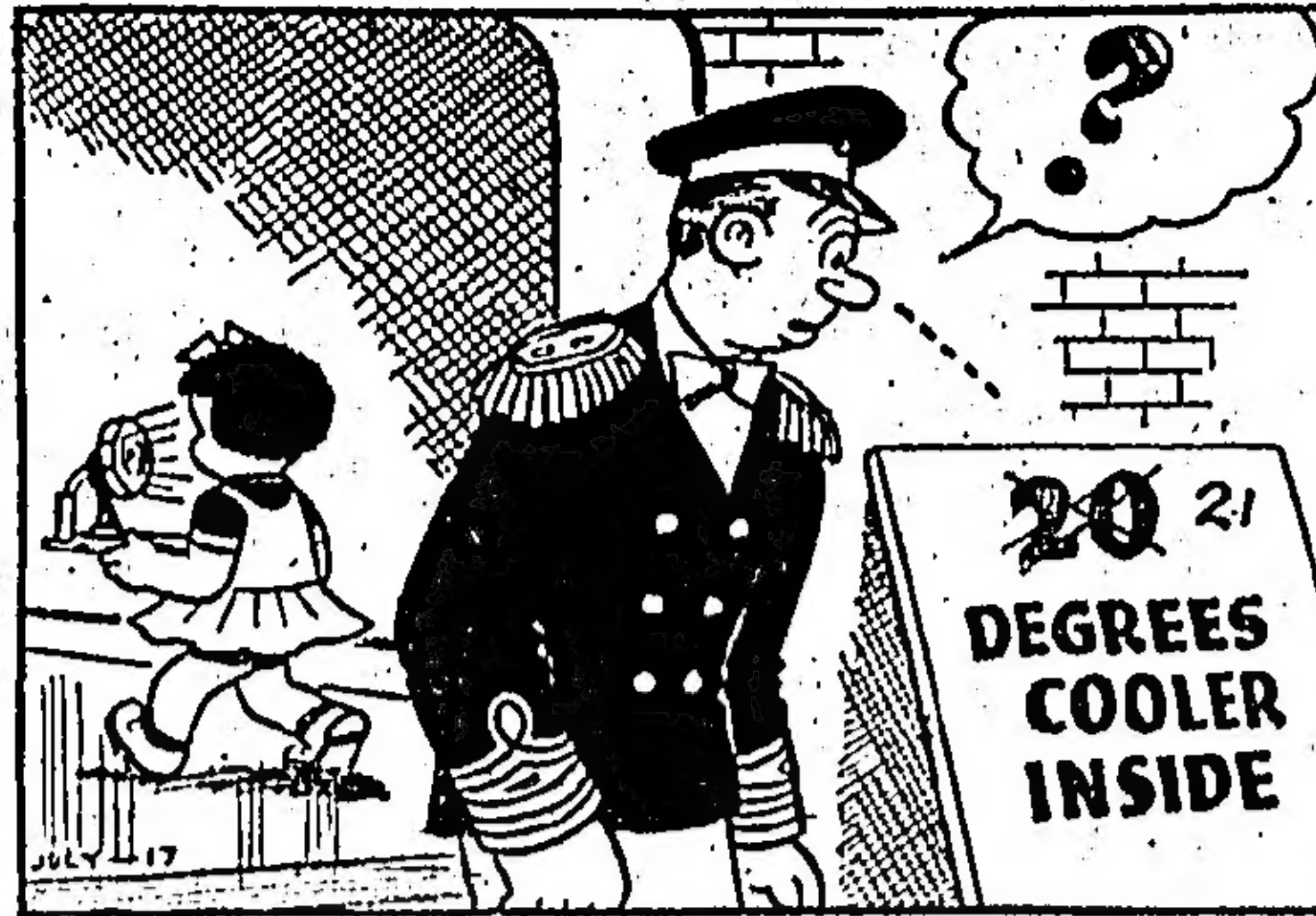
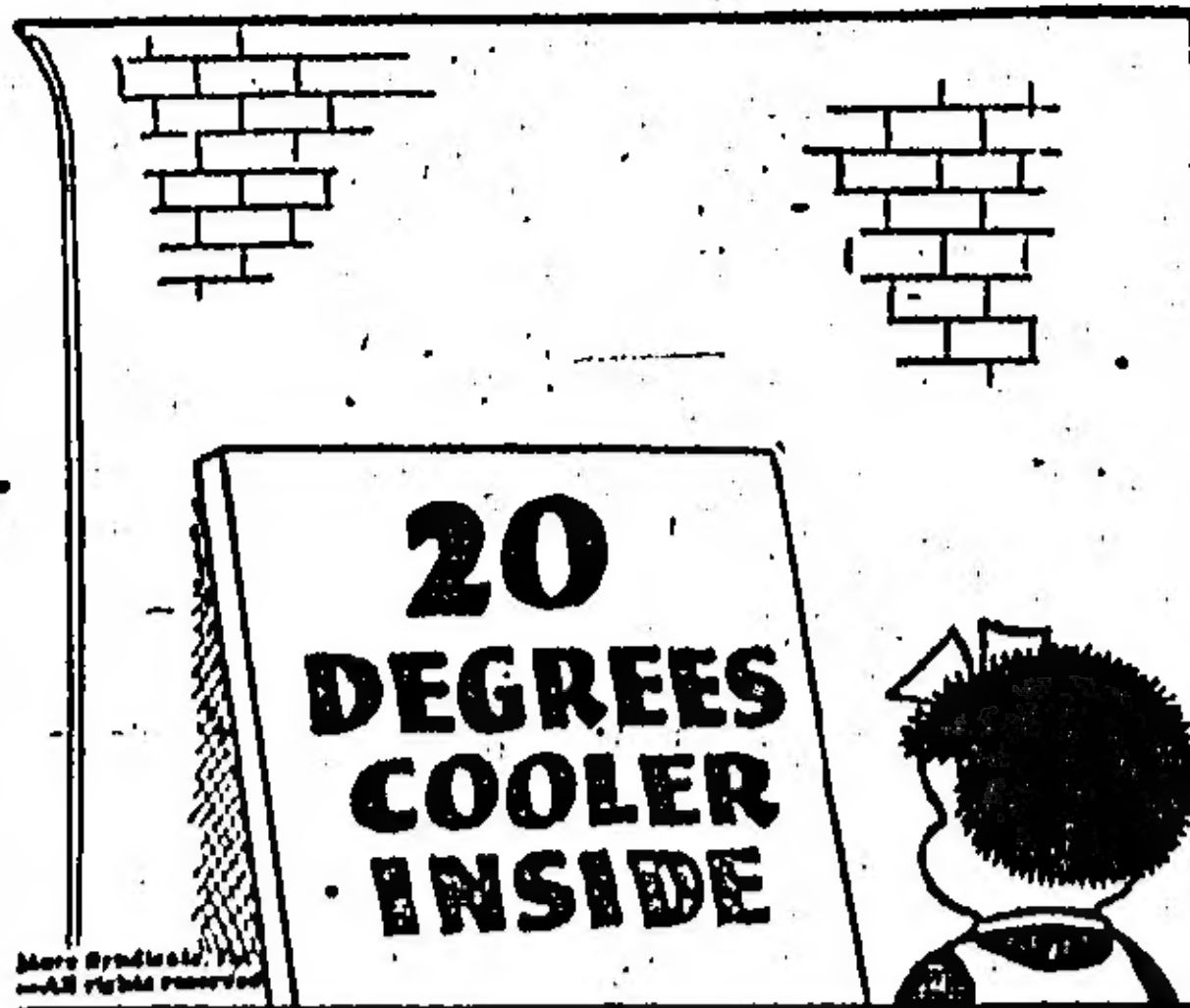
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Danger to South America Of German Colonists

Although appreciations vary as to the strength and danger of the "fifth column" in South America, there is unanimity among investigators regarding the changed political attitude of German colonists. All neutral accounts agree, and the "Christian Science Monitor's" correspondent's observations concur, that the younger generation, boys and girls normally destined to be satisfactory New World citizens, have come under the spell of racial propaganda since Hitler dominated the European continent.

Take the case of that strip of southern lakeland between Chile and Argentina. Since the first settlers three-quarters of a century ago, the German-speaking population, the majority on the Chilean side, has increased to nearly 200,000. The conduct of these colonists, especially young men and women of the fourth and fifth generations, intimates that a victorious Germany would convert them into a serious problem both for the states of which they are technical citizens and for Pan-American statesmanship concerned with continental security.

Investigators have not found the secret airports and arms depots, so often alleged, but they have met with the obnoxious Nazi-style comportment of young Germans wherever they have travelled, by train, omnibus or lake and river steamer. But a few years ago these youths would have gone out of their way, in conversation and conduct, to emphasise their New World citizenship.

Scout Activities
Another palpable development is the utilisation by young Germans of national organisations of actual and potential military value. They form the majority in the Boy and Girl Scout troops. They are also to the fore in the local rifle practice clubs, which are usually Government subsidised. The real native, whom you challenge on the subject in the town or village, is surprised at the question. For him it is just Don Federico or Don Carlos at his favourite sport.

Last month it was discovered at San Carlos de Bariloche that the Argentine Army actually lent Army trucks and miscellaneous equipment for two companies of Boy Scouts who turned out to be all German-speaking. Maj. Napoleon A. Irusta, who visited the Scouts' camp on Ultima Esperanza Island, in Lake Nahuel-huapi, received a surprise.

Argentine Flag Set "Lost"
Only German military music was played. The boys had service rifles and practised throwing heavy wooden balls which were obvious substitutes for hand grenades. The Argentine flag over headquarters was flown at half mast. This means "lost" in the language of Hitler organisations.

Similar exploitation of national organisations and equipment comes from southern Chile. Both the Buenos Aires and Santiago Governments, however, are alive to the dangers of the introduction of German technique and propaganda in these areas of settlement. They have been especially watchful of the educational establishments. More inspectors have appeared to test local instruction.

Ready To "Take Over"
Central authorities, although recognising psychological changes

Glamour Girl Killed

Eleanor (Cookie) Young, 23, first of the society Glamour Girls, and Nicholas Embiricos, 32, member of a Greek shipping family, were killed when his Fajrichild monoplane got lost in a fog and crashed into the breakers off Carpenter's Beach, Metanuck, Rhode Island.

A guest at the Newport home of Eleanor's father, Robert L. Young, chairman of the Alleghany Corp., Embiricos tried to fly blind to Roosevelt Field, Long Island, although his plane lacked the necessary instruments. According to eye witnesses, the ship circled the beach several times at an altitude of 100 feet before it hit the water.

Miss Young, who preceded Gloria Baker and Brenda Frazier as the photographic favourite of society editors, made her debut at Newport in 1936. Later she eloped with one Robert O. Bacon. She was divorced from him in 1938.

Free French Flier, Condemned To Death, Gains Freedom

The adventure of a Free French flier captured in Abyssinia, sentenced to death by an Italian court-martial, and kept in a cell for six months until the British captured Dessie, has now been told.

One of many French officers who left Syria after the capitulation, he joined the De Gaulle forces and flew with the R.A.F. over Abyssinia.

When his plane was shot down by an Italian chaser he was the only survivor of three who were machine-gunned after being out.

The Italian military authorities told him he could not be treated as a prisoner of war and sent him to Addis Ababa criminal prison to face a charge of "military rebellion" under the Armistice Convention with Italy.

After sentence days passed without execution. During his six months in a cell he was allowed two hours' walk daily in the prison courtyard. Food consisted of maccaroni, with a little meat from time to time. The only person he could

talk to was the prison chaplain, who spoke French.

Governor's Insults

The prison governor invariably insulted him, calling him "Dirty pig" or "Traitor," and ordering him to salute him in the Fascist manner.

His treatment became worse until a hurried transfer came to Dessie—two days before British troops entered Addis Ababa.

In Dessie prison, although conditions were worse still, he made friends with a native "rebel" who escaped to tell British officers of the Frenchman's plight.

Then, one morning, not the cooler but a British officer opened the cell door. Walking out to liberty the French flier saw, now captive, his accusers at the court-martial which had sentenced him to death.

A CENTURY OF COOK'S

Travel Agency's Record Of Growth

The first excursion organized by Thomas Cook was a cheap railway trip from Leicester to Loughborough and back on July 8, 1841. It was an arduous device to secure good attendance at a temperance meeting at Loughborough; for Thomas Cook, then aged 32, was an ardent teetotaler and secretary of the South Midland Temperance Association. So began the world-wide and world-famous travel agency which has attained its centenary.

"Success Story"

Thomas Cook's rise was in the best tradition of the Victorian "success story." Born in the village of Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, in a tiny cottage that still stands, he started work at the age of 10 as a gardener's boy. Later he learned the trade of wood-turning from an uncle and set up in business for himself at Market Harborough. The idea for that first excursion came to him during a walk of 15 miles into Leicester to attend a temperance gathering. So successful was the venture that he was kept busy arranging similar excursions for the next year or two. Launching out farther, in 1846 he conducted a party of 350 on a tour to Scotland. For the Great Exhibition of 1851 he carried 165,000 visitors to London from all parts of the British Isles.

In 1855 Thomas Cook made arrangements for thousands of visitors to the Paris Exhibition and so opened the way for his first Continental tour—a grand circular tour that included Brussels, Cologne, the Rhine, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, and Paris. During the early sixties his Continental activities extended rapidly. In 1865, as he was later to write, "through many difficulties, I got my first party to Rome and Naples, and for several years our way was through brigand-infested districts, when military escorts protected us." The first round-the-world tour was made in 1872 by Thomas Cook himself, with nine companions. It aroused such interest that The Times commissioned him to send a series of dispatches describing its progress.

Three Generations

Three generations of the Cook family have been associated with the growth of the business. The founder virtually retired in 1878 and died in 1892, in his eighty-fourth year, leaving the direction of affairs in the hands of his son, John Mason Cook, whose sons in their turn, after John Mason Cook's death in 1899, continued in control until 1924. In 1924 a private limited company was formed to administer the travel business, with a separate limited company to control the banking business.

To-day the firm's normal activities are performed much curtailed by the war, though continuing so far as possible both at home and among overseas branches. Nevertheless, one department of Thomas Cook and Son is exceedingly busy, having been officially charged with the transmission of letters from private individuals to and from enemy countries and enemy-occupied territories.

The beginning of the present war confronted the firm with the formidable task of repatriating large numbers of overseas tourists stranded in Great Britain, besides withdrawing British tourists from the Continent.

Prize Offer For Marine Invention

The Council of the Royal Society of Arts is offering a prize under the Thomas Gray Memorial Trust, the objects of which are "the advancement of the Science of Navigation and the Scientific and Educational Interests of the British Mercantile Marine."

A Prize of £50 will be awarded to any person who may bring to their notice an invention, publication, diagram, etc., which is in the opinion of the judges "considered to be an advancement in the science or practice of navigation, proposed or invented by himself in the period January 1, 1936, to December 31, 1941."

Entries which have already been considered by the judges in the years 1936-40 are not eligible for further consideration unless they have since been materially modified. The Council reserves the right of withholding the prize or of awarding a smaller prize if, in the opinion of the judges, no suitable invention is submitted, and in the event of more than one such improvement being approved, the Council reserves the right of dividing the amount into two or more prizes at its discretion.

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1940 Prize
In 1940 the Council offered a similar prize. Twenty-four entries were submitted, and the full prize of £50 was awarded to Mr. H. C. Walker, of Chesham, Surrey, for a device known as the "Portable Valve Lifeboat Equipment," a self-contained radio auto-transmitter, designed for the purpose of saving life at sea.

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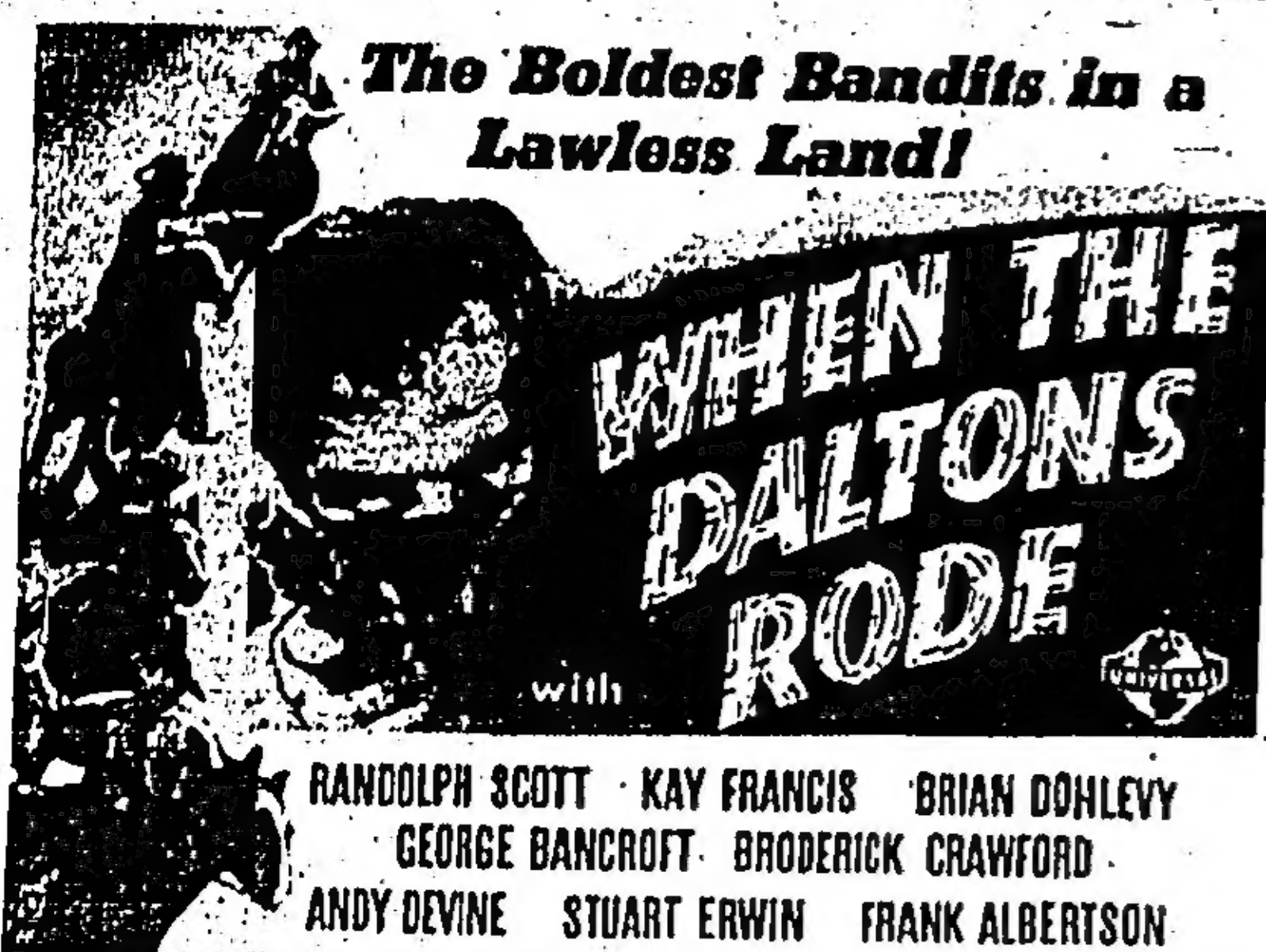
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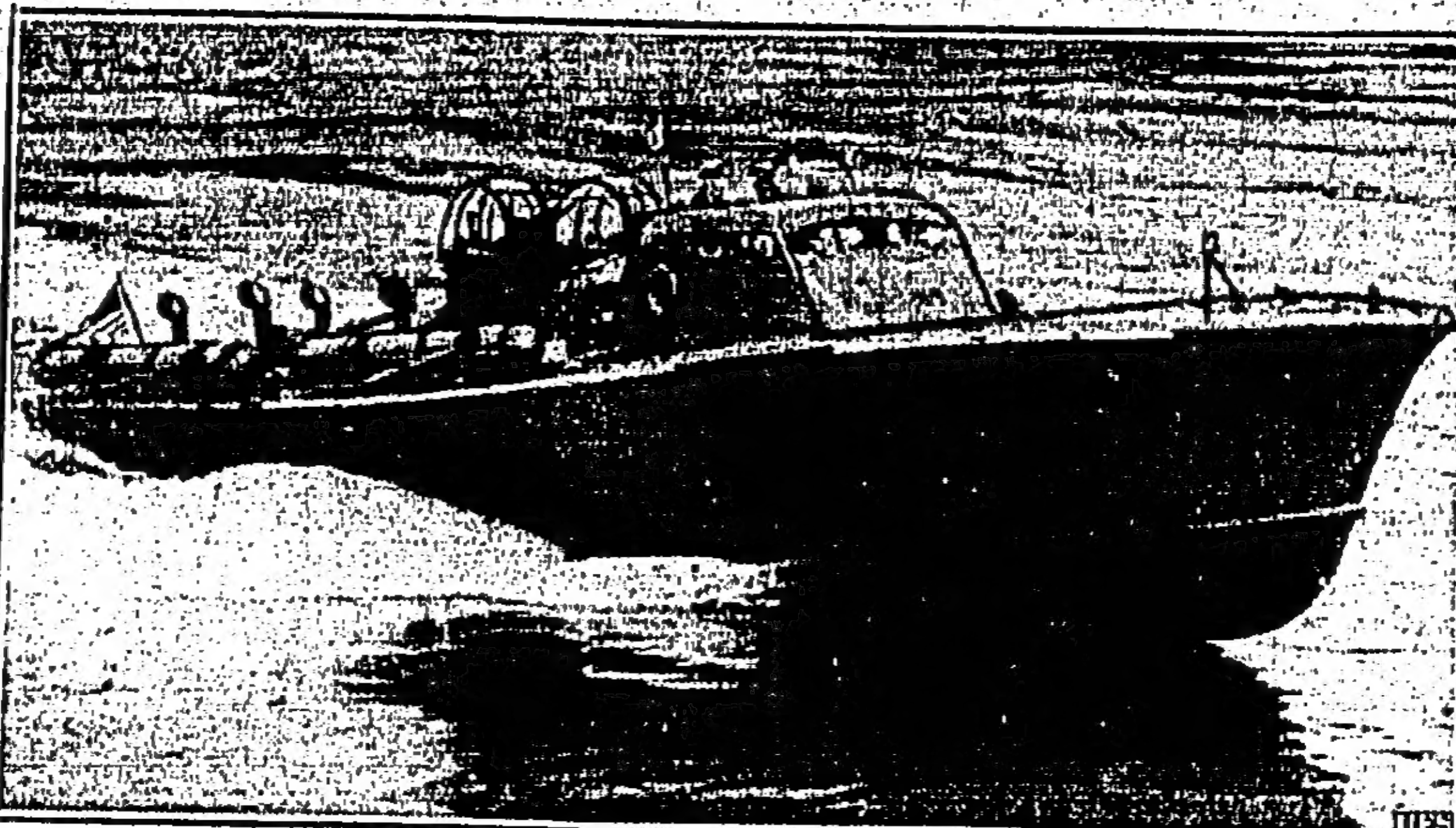
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Philippines Independence Not Possible If Axis Triumphs

Democracy will perish, civilisation will be lost in a permanent blackout and the independence of the Philippines will be an utter impossibility, if the Axis governments emerge victorious, declared Secretary Jorge Bocobo of the Philippines Department of Public Instruction, in a stirring speech at the convocation of the University of the Philippines recently.

Secretary Bocobo asserted that the happiness and destiny of the Philippines depend upon which side wins the war, and that it is for this reason that the nation is calling the youth of the land to military service.

Dr. Bocobo explained that if the Philippines is drawn into this war, the Filipino people would fight, not only out of loyalty to the United States, but also because by defending democracy, they would be upholding a cause that is historically their own. He said:

"Filipino adherence to democracy dates back to 1812 when the Spanish constitution of Cadiz, which inaugurated the principle of popular sovereignty, gave the Philippines representation in the Spanish cortes."

Rizal's Fight
Dr. Bocobo warned that if the Axis governments win the present war, the horrible injustices which Rizal and his co-workers fought during the revolution would return.

"The old 'Guardia Civil' would be re-created in the Gestapo; the tortures described in the Noli Me Tangere would be reproduced in the concentration camps; the boast of racial superiority expressed in the insulting word 'Indio' would come back with the Argon contempt for the coloured races; and the tyrannical policies pursued for the glory of the mother country would be revived for the sake of the 'new order in the world.'"

Secretary Bocobo asked: "Knowing all this, should not the Filipinos defend themselves against Axis aggression with all their soul and with all their might?"

Axis Brutality
Secretary Bocobo pictured how Axis brutality has shut the lights of civilisation in the German-occupied countries—"Poland, historic martyr in the cause of freedom; France, cradle of the rights of man; heroic Belgium; peaceful Norway, Holland and Denmark; Austria, victim of intrigue; Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, beloved children of the first world war; and Greece, limpid fountain of world culture."

Secretary Bocobo stated: "This reign of brute force; this jungle law must be stopped. This 'new order' which the Axis governments seek to establish is a reversal to the prehistoric cave-man's right of the stronger, the chaos of moral principles, the assertion of wrong over right."

After picturing the plight of small nations—how they have been wiped out and crushed by the iron heel of the Axis powers—Bocobo asked: "What assurance have we in the Philippines that we shall be spared by the overwhelming wheels of the Axis? Can any Filipino look upon the possible doom of Philippine independence with indifference?"

Filipino Hopes
Answering his own questions, Bocobo pointed out: "Only a fright-

ened mouse, a wretch concentrated all in self can stand by with apathy and indifference."

"We Filipinos will defend our native land unto death. The Philippines is a small, weak and poor country, but she lovingly holds our hearts forever with bonds that, though tender and tenuous, cannot be sundered by the mightiest army, navy or air armada. It is the fervent prayer of all Filipinos that out of the devastating fire of war, democracy and civilisation shall emerge triumphant, so that the Filipino people may, for uncounted ages to come, enjoy their own national freedom and existence."

FALL OF FOCHOW EXPLAINED

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—An attempt to explain the Japanese withdrawal from Fochow, the capital of Fukien Province and Treaty Port, is made by the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

It says that there is no longer any strategic necessity for the continued occupation. It further remarks that Chinese citizens of Fochow have shown themselves capable of administering Japanese reforms themselves, and adds that the Japanese withdrawal has "provided the world with a concrete case of respect for territorial integrity and sovereign rights such as the Atlantic Charter required."

Germans Abandon Many Positions

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maintains its communications with the rest of the country by means of various railways.

Nazis "Radio Victory"
MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, today ridiculed the German radio claim of the capture of Bransk which he called a "radio victory."

Asked by "Reuter" whether other German attempts had been made to cross the Dnieper by pontoon similar to that recounted in the Soviet communique, M. Lozovsky admitted that a number of such attempts were made but that all failed.

He added that the Germans, on still distant approaches to Leningrad, were unable to advance and that they were obliged to rush up large reinforcements in order to maintain their positions.

Serious Obstacle To Nazis

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Berlin that they are not checking the German encircling movement based on Gomel and designed eventually to shut in Kiev.

Beyond claims of the establishment of bridgeheads on the lower Dnieper, reports reaching Berlin about the situation in the Ukraine are scanty. It is suggested, however, that there will very soon be news of the launching of a big German offensive towards the important Donetz industrial region, which is considered more important than Kiev and Leningrad.

Finnish Claims
Besides claiming to have reached the former Soviet-Finnish frontier at all points on the Karelian Isthmus, Helsinki telegrams report an intensification of the drive towards the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway in the northern part of the front. This drive seems to be based on three sectors in the "waist of Finland" where the railway runs nearest to the Finnish frontier.

The capture of Salpa, Kuusamo and Uhtua in this area is claimed by the Finns. These places were ceded to the Soviet Union after the winter war of 1940.

It is added that the Finns have now reached their old frontier everywhere except in the Fishermen's Peninsula on the Arctic Ocean.

LATE NEWS

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China Association Reviews Far East

In its report on the year 1940-41, presented at the annual meeting in London on July 15, the China Association states:

The framework of last year's annual report and those of the three preceding years will not fit the events of 1940-1941. They are too big and too dramatic to be made either subservient or subsidiary to military and economic events in China. To say that is not to underestimate the importance of the latter, which throughout the year remained great. It is a question of transposing rather than re-evaluating them.

An arrangement differing from that of preceding reports must accordingly be given to the past year's story. The circumstances which must first be thrown into relief are:

(1) "Anglo-Japanese relations from a little before the 'arrangement' relating to local issues at Tientsin to the reopening of the Elsin Road, i.e. from about April 15 to October 8, 1940;
(2) "Japanese-American relations during the same period. (Were the two sets of relations shown graphically our 'low spots' would be balanced by their 'high' ones, as it is hoped to make clear);
(3) "Japan's relations with the Axis and Russia;
(4) "Japan's southward movement;
(5) "Russia's Far Eastern policy; and
(6) "As a result of (3), (4) and (5), the gradual constitution of an Anglo-American Far Eastern front: the conversion of Anglo-American parallelism into alignment.
A very lengthy review follows, outlining the Far Eastern situation as governed by the aforementioned factors. A brief reference to Hong Kong comments on the comparative prosperity of this Colony despite the disturbed conditions as shown by trade statistics.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 4 (UP).—THE NEWSPAPER "IZVESTIA" TO-DAY REPORTED A SERIES OF SUCCESSFUL LOCAL COUNTER-ATTACKS ON THE WEST FRONT BUT DID NOT INDICATE THE POSITIONS. IT SAID THAT THE GERMANS ARE ABANDONING ONE POSITION AFTER ANOTHER AFTER FIERCE RESISTANCE.

LAST TUESDAY, THE GERMANS TRIED TO HALT THE RUSSIANS AND STAGED A "PSYCHIC ATTACK." THEY THREW IN TWO PICKED BATTALIONS LED BY AN ORCHESTRA, DRUMS AND CYMBALS. THE RUSSIANS LET THEM ADVANCE IN DIRECT FORMATION THEN OPENED HEAVY MACHINEGUN FIRE, CHARGED WITH BAYONETS AND WIPED OUT BOTH COMPANIES.

This Morning's A.R.P. Inquiry

Interrogation Of Mr W. F. Carman

Mr W. F. Carman, manager of Marsman Hongkong China Ltd., who previously gave evidence on the contract his company obtained from Government for the construction of air raid tunnels, was again examined this morning when the inquiry into certain matters connected with the Architectural Branch of the A.R.P. Department was resumed.

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Britain Disturbed By Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—The Minister of Information, Mr. Brendan Bracken to-day issued an open invitation to United States Senators and Representatives to visit England themselves and convince themselves regarding the British war effort and the use of United States materials.

The invitation indicated the concern which has been felt recently in England over firstly, charges in the United States that the British war effort is lagging and war materials misused; secondly, that opinion in the United States is becoming increasingly muddled, particularly since the Russo-German war, with a result that there has been a considerable slackening in American enthusiasm to aid in defeating Hitler.

No Peace Mission

Asked whether a visit by a delegation of American legislators to England and Germany might not assume the proportions of a peace mission, Mr. Bracken declared, "There can be no question of our ever using any intermediary for peace. We are fully confident of our power to destroy Nazi tyranny and we want no peace-mongers. There is no question of peace as long as Hitler and his bunch of gangsters disturb the peace of the world. He has occupied a lot of nations in Europe and there is no question that if he had his say, he would occupy a lot of States on the American Continent. But he won't have his say."

U.S. Warship Attacked By Sub. In Atlantic

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (U.P.).—The United States destroyer Greer, 1,190 tons, has been attacked by a submarine while en route to Iceland with mail.

The destroyer dropped depth charges in retaliation. These facts are revealed in an official communique issued by the Navy Department, which reads: "The U.S. destroyer Greer, en route to Iceland with mail, reported this morning that a submarine at-

M. Lozovsky to-day declared that Leningrad itself had not been raided owing to its good defences, though numerous attempts had been made to subject the city to aerial bombing.

He dismissed the German report that Briansk had been taken and again denied reports of Soviet-Finnish peace negotiations.

He said that the position at Odessa had considerably improved in view of the immense Rumanian losses which had created the possibility of permanent Soviet counter-attacks.

Germans Halted

M. Lozovsky claimed that the Red Army had halted the Germans on the Volga, compelling them to bring up reinforcements in order to maintain their old positions for which an "immense and sanguinary battle is going on day and night."

He said that the battle between Novgorod and Leningrad led by Marshal Voroshilov continued unabated.

German propaganda that Leningrad was almost taken was pure fantasy. It was Goebbels and not the Wehrmacht that had almost

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Suspense In Indo-China

Japanese Settle Down To Wait

SAIGON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Governor-General Admiral Decoux has arrived in Saigon after a tour of Cambodia. No new political developments are expected at the moment and with the departure of General Sumita to Japan, the latest phase of the Japanese move southward and the second act of incursion in Indo-China appears to have ended, leaving the curtain drawn between acts preceding the unforeseeable next episode.

While Japanese troops are preparing for a prolonged sojourn they are manifestly incapable of further offensive action in this area due to various factors, notably insufficient strength which is only a fraction of the recent estimates abroad.

Possible Bluff

While some quarters interpret the Japanese occupation of Southern Indo-China as a bluff intended to distract attention from a surprise attack against the Netherlands East Indies, other circles consider that the first sign of a definite weakening in the Russian western front will be the signal for a Japanese move against Siam.

GERMAN N.C.O. SHOT

Incident In Paris

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VICHY, Sept. 4 (UP).—It is reported that a German non-commissioned officer was shot in the shoulder in Paris on Wednesday night. The German police took the case over from the French.

The German N.C.O. was walking with his fiancée when he was shot from behind but not seriously wounded. He was treated at La Raboteuse Hospital. The shooting occurred in the Montparnasse quarter where a naval Ensign was recently assassinated.

H.K. Man's Escape From Nazis

News of a former Hongkong resident's escape from a prisoner of war camp is contained in a brief cable message just received in the Colony.

He is Mr John R. Greaves, formerly of Messrs M. Bernah and Company, and serving with the Australian Imperial Force. Wounded during the drive on Bardia in December last, he was sent, after recovery, with his unit to Greece, in April.

After the retreat of the British forces from Greek territory, Greaves was reported to be among the missing. No indication as to his fate or that of other members of his unit had been received until now. According to a message from the Australian authorities, he is reported to have successfully escaped and is safe and well.

Premier's Report To Parliament

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—When Parliament resumes after the short summer recess, the Prime Minister intends to make a full statement to the House of Commons on the war situation.

He will deal among other matters with his meeting with President Roosevelt at sea which resulted in the formulation of the Atlantic Charter, the position of affairs in Russia and the question of Anglo-American aid, the situation in Iran and the Middle East.

There have been suggestions that the question of aid to Russia should be debated in secret session but this does not find any support in Government circles, where it is felt that whatever can be said on the subject should be said in public.

LATEST

Britain Calling Up All Her Manpower

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—It is very reliably reported that the army had issued a call for more manpower during the past two months and this will continue throughout the winter to expand the forces to maximum power, as the Germans are reducing their garrisons in France, Holland and Belgium due to the great losses on the Russian front.

They asserted that there is nothing unusual in the call-up by the army which is continually proceeding. No special orders for a massive call-up have been issued, but the Government is proceeding on the principle that not a fit man will enjoy being in the reserve category if his job can be filled by a woman, and it was for this reason that the Government recently issued a call for 500,000 women to replace fit men in factories.

This will release an equivalent number of men and swell the British army which is unofficially estimated at 4,000,000 including 1,500,000 Home Guards which are considered more

H.E. Sir Geoffry Northcote



Governor departs To-morrow

It is announced that His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will make their official farewells at Queen's Pier at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday), on which occasion they will also be glad to see any friends not otherwise invited. All are asked to be at the Pier not later than 9.25 a.m.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will leave Government House shortly before 9.30 a.m. and proceed to the Pier via Garden Road, Queen's Road, Jackson Road and Connaught Road. They will be preceded by a motor cycle escort of the Hongkong Police; the route will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic by the Police.

On arrival at Queen's Pier His Excellency will inspect a Guard of Honour provided by the First Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. After inspecting the Guard of Honour, His Excellency and Lady Northcote will say farewell to those assembled on Queen's Pier and then embark on the Governor's barge. As the barge leaves Queen's Pier, a salute of 17 guns will be fired by the Royal Navy from H.M.S. Tamar.

Thai-Indo-China

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—According to a Saigon telegram, Thailand has notified the Japanese members of the Border Demarcation Committee that the withdrawal of Thai troops from that zone on the Indo-China frontier which is to be demilitarised has been completed.

ENEMY CONVOY RAIDED

One Ship Sunk And Three Damaged

CAIRO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—A successful attack by the Fleet Air Arm on an enemy convoy is recorded in an R.A.F. communique. It says that the convoy consisted of five merchantmen with an escort of seven destroyers, and it was attacked east of Cape Spartivento (Sardinia).

The attack was made during the night of September 2-3. A large merchantman was hit by a torpedo and blew up in a column of smoke rising 9,000 feet. Another large ship was hit by a torpedo and damaged, and two smaller vessels in the convoy were damaged.

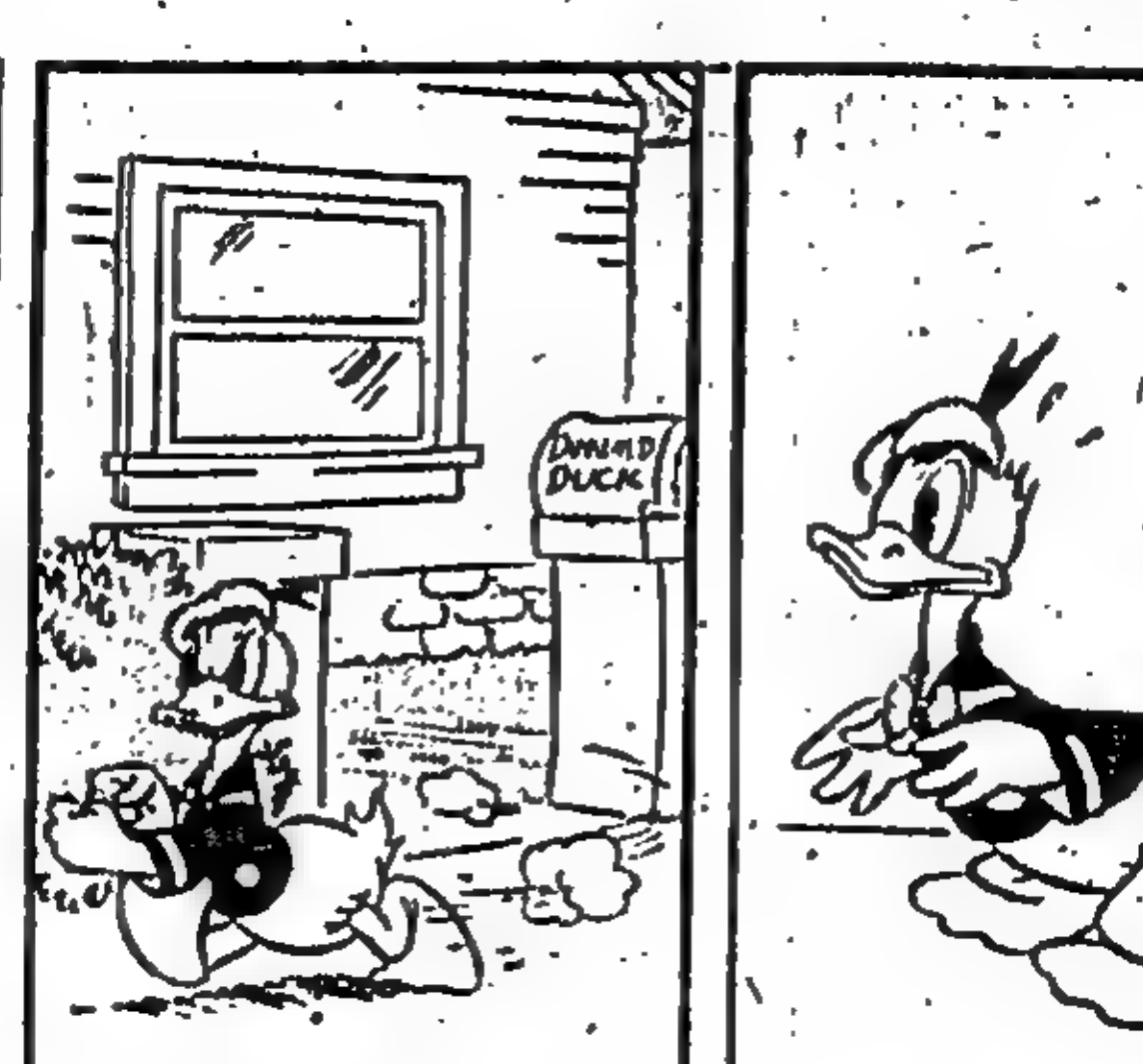
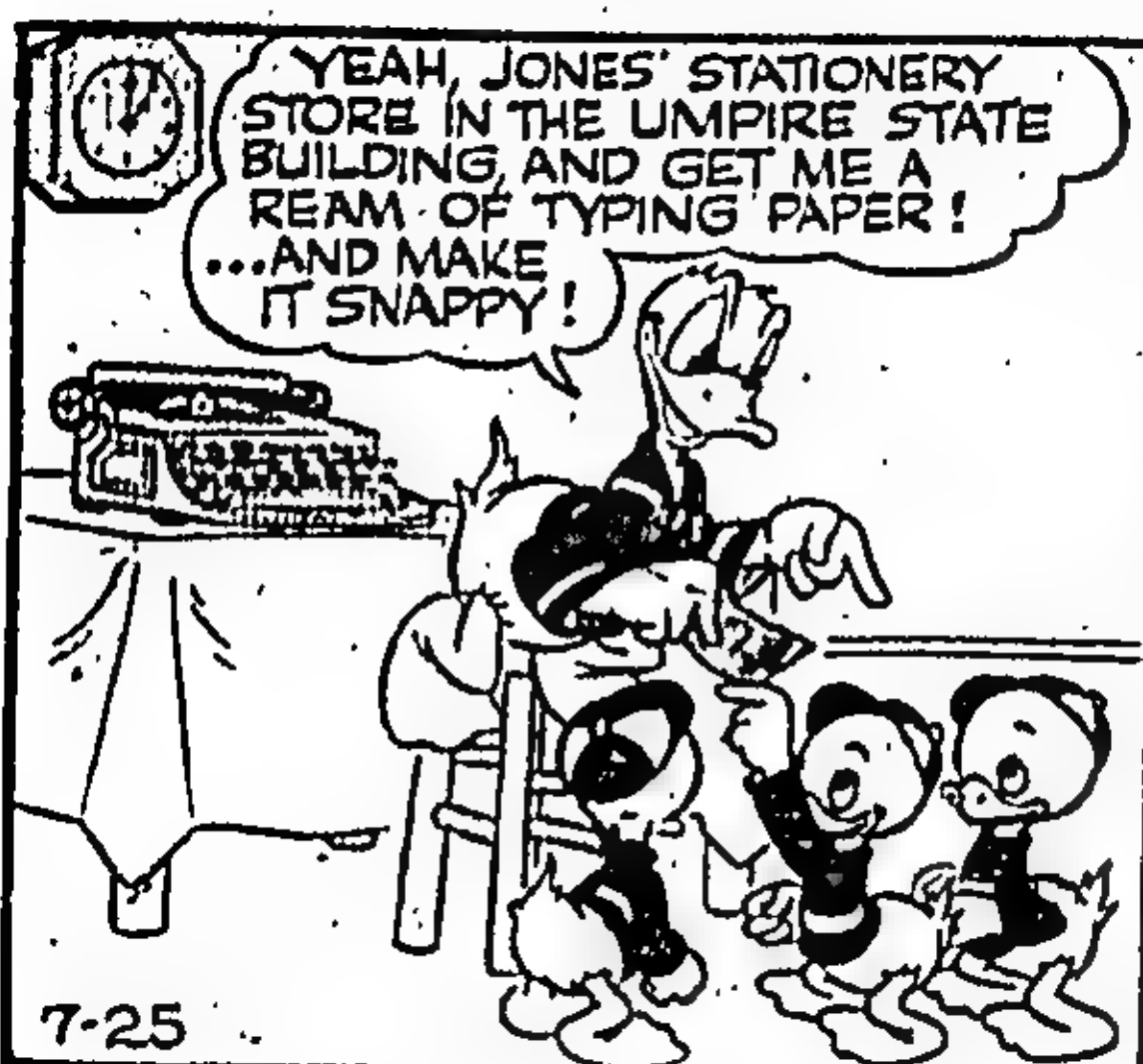
The attack was achieved in complete surprise and caused great disorder. Destroyers apparently fired on their own ships, some of which narrowly avoided collision with each other.

ITALIAN SUB. SUNK

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The sinking of an Italian submarine by the British cruiser Hermione is reported in an Admiralty communique. It says that the Hermione, (Captain G. N. Oliver, R.N.) recently sighted an Italian U-boat on the surface shortly before dawn. While the cruiser altered course and increased to full speed, the enemy attempted to "crash-dive" but the Hermione cut the U-boat in half, carrying a portion of the wreckage away on her bows.

There were no survivors from the U-boat.

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Timing a Squeeze Play

BY all odds, the most difficult feature of squeeze plays is timing. It is ignorance on that point that has kept the ranks of squeeze players as thin as they are. Consider the two apparently similar, but actually different, methods of playing the following hand:

West	North	East	South
♠ 10 7 5 3	♠ A 4 3	♠ Q 8 6 4 2	♠ K 9 8 0
♥ 6 5 4 3	♥ A 10 9 8	♥ K Q J 7 6	♥ A 10 9 8
♦ 7	♦ A K Q J 3	♦ 10 9 8 7 6	♦ 5 4 3 2
♣ 7	♣ A 6 5 4 3	♣ K Q J 10 9	♣ 8 7 6 5 4

Obviously, East and West's bidding had only one object—to make matters as difficult as possible for their vulnerable opponents. Six clubs would have been a laydown for North-South, but under the circumstances, and especially at match-point duplicate, the six notrump contract was fairly logical.

West opened his singleton diamond. East played the queen and declarer won. He cashed the ace and king of clubs, then entered dummy with the club nine, and led a diamond toward the J-10. East was not so accommodating as to put up his king, however, and from that point declarer struggled in vain for the twelfth trick. No squeeze could be developed, and the slam contract was down one.

Now let us note the result of a very simple change in the timing. Let us make East a gracious present of the first trick. His return

How should this hand be played at a four heart contract? Opening lead spade king.

Obviously, this substantial difference results merely from ducking the first diamond.

To-morrow's Hand

Match-point duplicate.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 10 7 5 3

♥ 6 5 4 3

♦ 7

♣ 7

♠ A 4 3

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ A K Q J 3

♣ A 6 5 4 3

♠ Q 8 6 4 2

♥ K Q J 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 7 6

♣ K Q J 10 9

♠ K 9 8 0

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ 5 4 3 2

♣ 8 7 6 5 4

♠ 10 7 5 3

♥ 6 5 4 3

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♣ 7

♠ A 4 3

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ A K Q J 3

♣ A 6 5 4 3

♠ Q 8 6 4 2

♥ K Q J 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 7 6

♣ K Q J 10 9

♠ K 9 8 0

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ 5 4 3 2

♣ 8 7 6 5 4

♠ 10 7 5 3

♥ 6 5 4 3

♦ 7

♣ 7

♠ A 4 3

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ A K Q J 3

♣ A 6 5 4 3

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"COME NORTH FOR SUN-SHINE! Leave the cold, dark, winter days behind!" "All rooms with North aspect." "Buffalo for Winter Sports!"

In this land of astonishing contradictions and blasted delusions, such posters now fail to cause more than a mild snigger among the Hongkongites domiciled in Australia. And, by the way, we puzzle and slightly annoy the native born product by referring to "Australia" as a whole, ignoring as we do the divisions of States. And, indeed, they seem to have reason, for climatic conditions vary from Arctic to (I am told) near-tropical.

Which of us ever associated "cold, dark, winter days" with Australia? Why? Oh, why have we had dimmed into our consciousness the fable of "sunny" Australia? Having lived in Melbourne (Victoria) for close upon a twelve-month I can, hand upon heart, say that no day had ever been hot, and that unpleasant, unconvivial weather predominates, the prevailing feature being the bitter, searching, Victorian winds. I have become entirely sceptical as to the desirability of paying any attention whatever to the promise of "It'll be finer to-morrow," or "You should just see New South Wales!" However, one consoling fact is that Apollo himself conforms to our preconceived notions, and commences work in the accustomed place and knocks off in the west.

WE SOMETIMES CONSIDER our cousins of the Antipodes as lacking in discipline. Should this be so, it is certainly through no fault of authoritative lack of endeavour. For a country priding itself upon freedom and democracy, the urban and suburban (and in diverse circumstances, the country) natives are strangely dragooned and meekly long-suffering; though, incidentally, multitudes of irritating by-laws are nonchalantly disregarded. "Must-nots" are legion, and the plethora of garish "noted-boards" bordering suburban and country walks irritates and depresses the stranger-wayfarer.

The Melbournean must not cross a street diagonally; must keep to the dotted line; must not proceed against the red light. The resulting congestion at corners is fearsome. The citizen must not put a "pretty-pretty" cover on his phone book. His dog

must not enter a shop, or the sea, or peregrinate without a human attendant. Should Mr and Mrs Melbourne or their progeny lounge upon the beach in bathing attire, such reprehensible conduct will bring (or so they say) unpleasant penalties. But the City Fathers, evidently relenting their severity and as a sop to the ultra-modern element, have vouchsafed here and there "mixed bathing!" To drink after 6 p.m.

NORAH WHITESTONE

writes from Australia about our evacuees and some of the things that confront them. Yesterday, she wrote about the people of the land. To-morrow, in her final article of the series, she will tell you of "The Homes in which They Live."

(excuse a broad, derisive smile) is forbidden. And in Sydney one "must not" grow fruit in the garden.

In spite (or because) of this, no doubt well-meaning regimentation, Melbourne is, to my thinking, a most difficult and dangerous city for the foot-passenger. Motorists, probably feeling (and not unreasonably) that since the law takes such great-grandmotherly care of the pedestrian, think no onus rests upon the man at the

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By Lichty



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12.30 Primo Scala's Accordion Band and Al Bowly (Vocal).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 A Programme By Theatre Orchestra and Artists.

Princess Charming—Selection; Excerpts from "The Importance Of Being Earnest"; Folladium Memories; Let's Put Some People To Work; I'm Still Dreaming (Both from "When Knights Were Bold").

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Excerpts from Puccini's Operas.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Dance Music.

7.20 Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 London Relay—Talks by The Rt Hon. Mr Winston Churchill and Mr Mackenzie King.

9.00 Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

9.02 Variety Requests.

Orchestral—June in January (From film "Here Is My Heart").

Richard Himber and His Ritz-Carlton Orchestra; Vocal—Rainbow On The River (From film "Rainbow On The River").

Bobby Breen with Orchestra; Tango—They Met in Rio (A Mid-night Serenade); Rumba—Chica Chica Boom Chic (Both from film "That Night in Rio").

Leo Reisman and His Orchestra; Piano—Down Every Street (Noel-Peterson); "Hutch" (Leslie A. Hutchinson); Fox-Trot—At The Balalaika (From the film)...

Jack Hylton and His Orchestra; Vocal—Mexican Magic (From film "Moon Over Burma")...

Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra; Vocal—The Merry Widow (From film "The Merry Widow")...

Adams—Only Forever (From film "Rhythm On The River")...

Al Bowly and Jimmy Mesene with 2 guitars; Vocal—Trees (Kilmer—Rosenbach)...

Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra; Tango—Hear My Song, Violetta... Emil Roosz and His Orchestra; Vocal—Good Morning (From film "Babes In Arms")...

Celia Lipton with Orchestra; Tango—South Of The Border (Kennedy—Carr)...

Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).

9.45 Variety Requests (Continued).

Samba—Yi, Yi, Yi, Yi (From film "That Night in Rio")...

Leo Reisman and His Orchestra; Vocal and Instrumental—Our Love Affair (From film "Strike Up The Band")...

Anona Winn and Her Winners; Orchestral—When You Wish Upon A Star (From film "Pinocchio")...

Gernido and The Savoy Hotel Orchestra; Piano—Let The Curtain Come Down... Turner Layton.

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 A Wagner Programme.

"Ride" Overture; Excerpts from "The Valkyrie"...

11.00 London—"Makers of History".

Talk by Desmond McCarthy on Byron.

11.15 Close Down.

Month's Broadcast

The monthly broadcasting report for August, of the Hongkong station, states that actual hours of transmission totalled 450, of which 207 1/2 were devoted to European programmes, 217 to Chinese programmes, and 25 1/2 to Indian programmes, as follows:

ZBW (European).—Morning transmission 6 3/4 hours; evening transmission 13 1/2 hours. During the month apart from recorded programmes the following items were broadcast:—Studio recitals 11, studio plays 1, feature programmes 6, studio talks (including book reviews) 10, local relays (including Church services) 6, Sunday evening epilogues 5, twenty relays (including news) 155, programmes in French (news, etc.) 31, programmes in Portuguese 0.

ZBW (Chinese).—Morning transmission 6 1/2 hours; evening transmission 15 1/2 hours. During the month apart from recorded programmes the following items were broadcast:—Studio recitals 22, studio talks 32, children's concerts 9, Daventry relays 0.

ZBW (Indian).—Evening transmission only (including talks records and recitals), 25 1/2 hours.

New radio licences issued during August totalled 20, and renewals of licences 505. The total of licences issued during 1941 is now 11,409.

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1.—The Competition is open to all photographers.

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3.—The prizes will be awarded to the competitors sending in what are adjudged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the competition, and which must be posted on back of entry.

4.—The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.

5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong, Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.

6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.

7.—All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.

8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.

9.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.

10.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 16x20.

11.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.

12.—Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.

13.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.

14.—At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.

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Moscow Prepares For Long Siege

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Moscow authorities are taking all steps to ensure that the city's population shall have as comfortable a time as possible during the winter. Huge reserves of food are being stored, including 400,000 tons of potatoes, and 214,000 tons of other vegetables.

Last night, Moscow City Council's President, M. Pronin stated that the work of fixing up Moscow's underground stations as air-raid shelters was being completed.

Thousands of beds for children, and a double layer of bunkers for grown-ups are being provided on stations which have also been provided with running water, good sanitation and even a radio set.

The House Committee have arranged special corners in the shelters with beds for children, and in districts where there are many wooden dwellings, 10,000 dug-out shelters have been constructed with bunks and stoves. Some 3,300 houses are being strengthened to resist the effects of bomb blast. All this work is scheduled to be completed by October 17.

M. Pronin urged the utmost economy in the use of wood and coal, although Moscow has considerable supplies.

Cairo and Suez Canal Bombed

With Little Effect

CAIRO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—There was an air raid last night on Cairo and Suez Canal area, states the Ministry of the Interior. "Bombs were dropped on a suburb of Cairo, killing one and injuring 21. There was very slight damage."

"Slight damage was also done in the Suez Canal area but no casualties were reported."

"Alarms were also sounded in the greater part of the Delta."

It is understood that the damage in the Cairo suburb did not affect private property.

NAZIS WON'T FEED THEIR VICTIMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ZURICH, Sept. 4 (UP).—The "German principle by which the occupying government is in no wise obliged to feed the population of the occupied countries" was stressed by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman according to the Berlin Correspondent of the "Gazette de Lausanne."

The spokesman added that the Reich "solely declared that it would not take any responsibility for such feeding."

Kerr Wants Aid To China Unified

SHANGHAI, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Sir Archibald Clerk Kerr, British Ambassador to China, has appointed a special committee to unify all British organisations rendering aid to China.

The committee will be authorised to take direct control of all British aid services to China, according to reports in the Chinese press here.

Summary Of War Fronts: Finns' Decision Awaited

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The most complete reserve on the progress of fighting on the eastern front which continues to be maintained by German and Soviet communiques cannot hide the fact that there is crystallisation of the situation in three directions.

Marsina Alamerheim has announced that the Finnish forces have reached the old frontiers in the Karelian Isthmus and it will not be long before it is known whether his Order of the Day reminding his soldiers that the time has not arrived for turning "swords into ploughshares" means that they are to continue to wage war for Germany's benefit, or whether they will rest on their laurels and remain on guard over the restored Finnish territory.

A tremendous battle is now raging for Leningrad. Against those formidable rings of outer defences the German forces are throwing masses of troops and hundreds of aeroplanes without so far, it appears, making any real impression on the great air defence and military and citizen army which Marshal Voroshilov has assembled.

Counter-Attacks
It is believed that the Soviet attack on an enemy salient in the central sector of the front, in which they hurled the Germans back 30 miles and captured 22 villages is probably the result of an attack which was seen by Lieut-General Mosen Macfarlane, head of the British Military Mission, somewhere north-east of Smolensk.

This, although a considerable operation, was not on the scale of the counter-attack for the protection of the Russian salient at Kiev about which details are waited in London.

The drama of the vast struggle in Russia which is rapidly approaching decisions of vital consequence to the future course of the war over-

SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO NAZIS

Leningrad's Forts

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—An unconfirmed report that the army of Marshal Ritter von Leeb has contacted Soviet defence lines between ten and twelve miles west and south of Leningrad was telegraphed today by the correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet."

These defences are stated to consist of a series of forts remaining from the civil war of 1919 which have been supplemented and strengthened. These forts, the correspondent continues, are regarded as a serious obstacle by the Germans, calling for strong air attacks if they are to be overcome.

Crediting the Germans with the wish to spare Leningrad the horrors of war, the correspondent mentions that there are no reports of a fresh bombing attack on the city itself.

Dual Attack Likely
It is understood, however, that when the weather permits the Germans are making an attack on the Leningrad defence line and the great naval base at Kronstadt protecting the city.

The Russians are reported to be carrying out extensive counter-attacks in the central sector of the vast battle-front. These counter-attacks, it is stated, are proceeding along a line running south from Viazma (halfway between Smolensk and Moscow) but a claim is made in Berlin that they are not checking the German encircling movement based on Gomel and designed eventually to shut in Kiev.

Beyond claims of the establishment of bridgeheads on the lower Dnieper, reports reaching Berlin about the situation in the Ukraine are scanty. It is suggested, however, that there will very soon be news of the launching of a big German offensive towards the important Donetz industrial region, which is considered more important than Kiev and Leningrad.

Finnish Claims
Besides claiming to have reached the former Soviet-Finnish frontier at all points on the Karelian Isthmus, Helsinki telegrams report an intensification of the drive towards the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway in the northern part of the front. This drive seems to be based on three sectors in the "waist of Finland" where the railway runs nearest to the Finnish frontier.

The capture of Solovki and Uhtua in this area is claimed by the Finns. These places were ceded to the Soviet Union after the winter war of 1940.

It is added that the Finns have now reached their old frontier everywhere except in the Fishermen's Peninsula on the Arctic Ocean.

Crete Wounded Pass Through New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Soldiers and sailors were very heartened to hear how well the Russians were still holding out when they arrived in New York to-day on the "Empress of Asia."

Most of those on board were wounded from Crete and elsewhere on their way to England to recuperate, and among 307 passengers, mostly soldiers, sailors and airmen, were also men who took part in the naval battle of Matapan.

Shortly after the vessel's arrival, the State Department in Washington announced that it had waived the ordinary requirements for visitors' visas and had allowed the passengers ashore while the ship was in dock.

The ship's rails were lined with troops in khaki shorts, who cheered lustily as a host of newspapermen swarmed aboard, bringing with them copies of newspapers which were eagerly shared by the soldiers and sailors hungry for the latest news from Europe.

Henry-Haye Leaving U.S?

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The "Washington Evening Star" to-night says that it is reliably reported that the Vichy Ambassador to Washington, M. Gaston Henry-Haye, will be leaving Washington this month for Vichy and Versailles and is not likely to return.

He will be accompanied by Colonel Vignat, a Vichy officer who was recently accused by the "New York Herald Tribune" of underground pro-French activities in the United States.

Purchase Of Rice In Szechwan

CHUNGKING, Sept. 4 (Central News).—Szechwan's farmers and landlords will receive from the Government 70 per cent of the sales value of their grain in Food Treasury Notes and 30 per cent in cash according to new regulations of the province for 1941.

The Ministry of Food has entrusted the Farmers Bank of China and the Szechwan Provincial Bank and their branches and agencies in different cities to make the payments for the grain. The two banks must announce in public the names of the sellers, the amount of purchases and the payment in cash or in Food Treasury Notes every ten days.

Turko-Russian Clash Report By Nazis

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (UP).—The Columbia Broadcasting System heard a German radio broadcast saying it had "unconfirmed reports" of clashes occurring between Turkish and Russian troops on the Turkish-Iran border.

Realistic Singapore Exercises

SINGAPORE, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Defence exercises with "objects" will be held here in the middle of September lasting two days. They will be so realistic that the population has been warned in advance not to be alarmed.

A communique announcing the exercises declares that the measures need cause no alarm. They are merely a contribution towards the training of services on whose work the community will depend in an emergency.

FALL OF FOOCHOW EXPLAINED

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—An attempt to explain the Japanese withdrawal from Fochow, the capital of Fukien Province and Treaty Port, is made by the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

It says that there is no longer any strategic necessity for the continued occupation. It further remarks that Chinese citizens of Fochow have shown themselves capable of administering Japanese rule themselves, and adds that the Japanese withdrawal has "provided the world with a concrete case of respect for territorial integrity and sovereign rights such as the Atlantic Charter required."

Mamoi Recaptured
CHUNGKING, Sept. 4 (Central News).—Mamoi, 10 miles southeast of Fochow on the Min River, was recaptured by Chinese troops at 1 p.m. yesterday.

On the northern bank the Chinese following their entry into Lienkiang are pursuing the Japanese fleeing toward Kuanwangtong, while on the southern bank they are launching spirited attacks on the Japanese at Halkow where they are boarding their warships.

Severe losses are reported to have been sustained by the Japanese in their retreat from points along the Min River.

Former M.P. Charged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—Captain Sir Herbert Paul Latham, 36, wealthy ex-M.P. was to-day accused at a court martial on 38 charges to which he pleaded not guilty. The charges included "disgraceful conduct of an indecent kind."

Latham, who is tall and fair with an artificial leg also pleaded not guilty to charges that he attempted to commit suicide when a letter from a Gunner exposed him.

First Australian Envoy To China

BATAVIA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The first Australian Minister to China, Mr. Frederick William Eggleston, who is at present in the Dutch East Indies, to-day paid a visit to the military authorities at Bandung.

In a press interview Mr. Eggleston said that his nomination was the third of a series of appointments which demonstrated Australia's sincere desire to develop relations with other Pacific countries.

South America Leaders Urge Continental Unity

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The importance of Pan-American unity in the face of dangers arising from the present war was stressed in speeches made at a banquet given to the delegations of Paraguay and Argentina.

The Chief of the Brazilian General Staff, General Monteiro, paid tribute to the admirable spirit of collaboration on the American continent which had been given expression to by the policy of good neighbourliness.

He urged the necessity of intensifying the unity of the American continent so as to make it inaccessible to greedy hands at the same time unconquerable.

The present war, he said, afforded many lessons; among them that a weak Power which did not unite in time and with sincerity, or which thought that it could safeguard itself from being drawn into conflict by false excuses would end by being coming trampled upon by the uncontrollable fury of the belligerents who admitted no right except their own interests.

Vital Spaces
The South American continent should unite in order to be ready to face the dangers resulting from the arms of those who sought the domination of vital continental and ocean spaces.

Even if the pessimistic forecasts uttered in the recent speech of Mr. Henry L. Stimson, the United States Secretary of State for War, were not realistic, that should not discourage them from protecting their own integrity by action clearly conforming to the American spirit.

The Argentine Minister of War, Soler, said that when an American went to another part of the American continent he did not feel that he was leaving his own country.

FOUR NEW ENGLISH BISHOPS

Former Soldier

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The four new Bishops whose nomination is approved by the King include the Right Reverend Noel Baring Hudson, who became a Brigadier-General in the last war at the age of 23 and won the D.S.O. and Military Cross each with a bar.

Bishop Hudson, who becomes Bishop of Newcastle, is Secretary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Other new Bishops are Canon Frank R. Barry, Sub-Dean of Westminster, who becomes Bishop of Southwell; Dr R. G. Parsons, Bishop of Hereford, who becomes Bishop of the Missionary Society, who becomes Bishop of Worcester.

Bishop Cash was previously the Society's Secretary for Palestine, Egypt and North Sudan. He served as Temporary Chaplain to the Forces from 1916 to 1920 and won the D.S.O.

U. S. Weapons For Poland's Soldiers

Lease-Lend Order

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has authorised the first Lease-Lend aid to the Polish Government, permitting military equipment to go to Polish soldiers now training in Canada for action overseas.

A White House announcement said that under the President's order, machine-guns, rifles, artillery, equipment, lorries and other supplies will be sent to these troops in future.

The statement added that President Roosevelt had stressed the importance of this new aid to the Government of Poland as a continuing expression of the policy of the United States to aid all who resist aggression.

Vital To U.S.A.
President Roosevelt declared that the resistance of the Polish forces was "vital to the defence of the United States," added the authorisation.

U.S. Lease-Lend aid demonstrated the United States Government's intention to give material support to the "fighting determination of the Polish people to establish once again the independence of which they are so inhumanly deprived."

OIL TANKER AT VLADIVOSTOK

U.S. Shipments Arrives

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4 (UP).—The Union Oil Company to-day announced that its tanker L. B. Saint Claire has reached Vladivostok carrying 95,000 barrels of aviation gasoline—the first delivery of such fuel under the United States programme to aid Russia.

The precise time of arrival was not revealed, and the announcement regarding the arrival was withheld for 12 hours until the Maritime Committee, on authorized its publication.

Two other tankers are due at Vladivostok next Sunday and Monday, one carrying 95,000 barrels of high octane fuel and the other carrying 75,000 barrels. The Saint Claire left Los Angeles on August 15.

SIMLA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Raj has decided to give financial assistance to gliding in the country and will be granting £7,500 towards the cost of two years. A gliding centre was recently started in Poona.



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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Racing Season Rolls Around Again

Beas River Paddocks Not Quite Ready

Ponies Weather Summer Well At Happy Valley

ANOTHER SUMMER has come and gone, but members of the Hongkong Jockey Club have not been able to make use of their own grazing ground in Fanling, for owing to unsettled conditions the development of Fanling property has somewhat been delayed through lack of building materials, but it is reliably learned that the buildings and stables will be completed before the end of the year.

This huge property of the club has been named "Beas River Paddocks"—the future summer resort of our "dumb friends" during the recess.

It would really interest one to know what is the actual acreage of Beas River Paddocks, because land in the New Territories is very cheap. I reported in my racing notes of June 9, 1939, that the Hongkong Jockey Club had started negotiations to purchase a big piece of land for ponies to graze.

Since then they have purchased additional land and the cost of land alone, I understand, is over \$98,000. Judging from the figures disclosed by the chairman, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, at the half-yearly general meeting held in May, there is good reason to believe that there will be accommodation for over five hundred ponies.

A sum of over \$200,000 had already been expended and the amount includes the purchase of additional land, the cost of levelling, draining, fencing, and the planting of trees and shrubs.

It is estimated that a further sum of three lakhs will be required for the full development of the property. When completed it will undoubtedly be the only racing club in the Orient that will have an up-to-date grazing ground for the sole use of members.

Summered Well

HOWEVER, in the absence of luxuriant grassland, all the Australian and China ponies (excepting a few) did not leave the Colony for their holidays, and there is no doubt that all of them had spent the summer well at the stables, Village Road.

It appears all the racers were delighted to get back in harness, and of course, training is now in full swing with the work more or less confined to a collected pace. We are bound to see some fast gallops during next week.

Transfers

THERE have been a good few transfers of Australian and China racers to several new homes, and all of them will, of course, run under their new respective racing colours at the coming meeting. The most important change is Mrs. Gransett's Supper going to the stable, belonging to Capt. Holmes, while Lady Northcote's Devonian has been made a gift to Mrs. W. T. Stanton.

The novice jockey T. L. Tsang is now the owner of A Good Time, Pictall and Pumpnickel, and C. L. Gregory is going to have "a go" at that sulky pony, Silver Spear.

Rivulet seems to like her new owners, Shiu Brothers, and Santa Anita becomes the property of Li Chuk-lai.

As to quantity, S. W. Lee has added to his long string, Eve of

Newcomers Prominent At Morning "Pows" Advice To Novices

FOUR SUCCESSFUL POWS were held during the early morning hours without rain to mar the unofficial meetings. I am not a Chinese scholar, but it has been represented to me on good authority that the word "pow" in Shanghai among the trainers and mafios means a "trial test" between two or more ponies. The "dark horse" racket in Shanghai originated from these pows and Hongkong copied the line of business from a different angle.

There are a few newcomers worth watching among the novice events and the best three are R. Bluestone, L. G. Perkins and T. L. Tsang.

The latter rode a smart race on A Good Time because his judgment of pace was certainly good and there was a perfect rhythm in the combination.

The success of B. K. Yip on Odeon was a motorcar ride, for his mount was far too good against the other turners.

The Jitters

I have nothing to gain in saying that a few apprentices among the "naso runs" appeared to have the jitters and they were certainly afraid to be up with the field.

Li Winston Churchill of the Fourth Hussars, now the Prime Minister, once said: "No hour of life is lost that is spent in the saddle. Young men have often been ruined through owning horses, or through backing horses, but never through riding them. Unless, of course, they break their necks, which, taken at a gallop, is a very good death to die."

Everybody knows that it is against the rules of racing to cross, jostle, or any act on the part of the jockey, but there can be no disqualification, of course, the novice keeps a straight course without interfering with other runners.

The incessant practice of keeping too far back must be avoided at the beginning (never to be afraid of "mud bath" or bumping at the start) otherwise one will never reach the top of the ladder.

Dancing, Eye of Hunting, Eye of Folly, set in Time, King Kong, Santa's Choice and This Time, and this young novice owner now has over three dozen racers.

Australians' Autumn Plate On September 27

Colossal Weight-For-United Express

A FINE PROGRAMME has been framed by the racing Stewards for the extra meeting to be held on September 27, and the Double Tenth Meeting's programme of two days has also been announced.

1942 Race Fixtures

Annual Meeting Brought Forward One Month

A LIST of race fixtures for 1942 under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club has been circulated to members and it may interest the racing public to know that there are two additional extra meetings as against 13 of the present season.

The Annual Carnival has been brought forward almost a month, and the first extra meeting is scheduled to be held on February 21.

The following is a list of 1942's fixtures:
Saturday, January 31, } Annual Meeting
Monday, February 2, }
Tuesday, do, }
Wednesday, do, }
Saturday, do, } First Extra.
Saturday, February 7, } Second Extra.
Saturday, March 7, } Third Extra.
Saturday, April 4, } Fourth Extra.
Monday (Easter), April 6, } Fourth Extra.
Saturday, April 12, } Fifth Extra.
Saturday, April 19, } Sixth Extra.
Saturday, May 2, } Seventh Extra.
Monday (Whitsun), May 25, } Seventh Extra.
Saturday, June 6, } Eighth Extra.
Saturday, September 20, } Ninth Extra.
Saturday, October 10, } Tenth Extra.
Saturday, October 24, } Eleventh Extra.
Saturday, November 7, } Twelfth Extra.
Saturday, November 21, } Thirteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 5, } Fourteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 19, } Fifteenth Extra.

Cesarewitch Stakes On October 10

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES will have its first running on October 10, and the first prize is \$1,500 to the winner. Being an open handicap for all comers, the contest will no doubt attract many nominations and the result of this classic will serve a good pointer for the two St. Leger races confined to Australian subscription ponies and griffins of this season.

Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League

SEVEN TEAMS will contest the championship in the Indian Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League to commence on September 27-28 when three matches will be staged each day.

There will be home and away matches and the League, if the fixtures are adhered to, will not be completed till the middle of November.

The fixtures have been so arranged that each team will be occupied twice during the week-end, once at home and the other time away.

Following are the fixtures for the first week-end:

Saturday, September 27—5th A.A. R.A. v. Hongkong Mule Corps; 12th R.A. v. H.K.S.R.A.; 2nd/14th Punjab v. 8th Regt. R.A.
Sunday, September 28—Rajput Regt. v. 5th A.A. R.A.; H.K. Mule Corps v. 12th R.A.; H.K.S.R.A. v. 2nd/14th Punjab.

U. S. Charity Football

New York, Sept. 4. In professional football to-day the Giants defeated the Eastern Collegians last night 23-3 in the sixth annual charity game.—United Press.

The resumption of our fortnightly meetings will be marked by the introduction of three divisions in the Cantala Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs coupled with the inaugural contest, Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over a long distance of two and a quarter miles.

The innovation means another forward move in the interest of owners and the racing public, and it will undoubtedly be much appreciated by the punters.

Most Important

THERE is no space here to reproduce the ten interesting events of the September meeting, but the most important race on the card is the Australian Subscription Ponies' Autumn Plate confined to the Subscription ponies of this season.

The weight to be carried by the candidates is 140 lb. with a pound penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes and the limit is a run over the champion course of one and a quarter miles. The winner is to receive \$1,500 while the second will get \$600 and the third prize is \$300.

The conditions of this classic event will inhibit the owner of United Express from entering his champion sub on account of the preposterous imposition of avoiders.

Probables

WE will have the entries for the above classic after the closing on Thursday, September 18, but in the meanwhile I append below a list of probable nominations with their respective weights:

Stakes	Weight
Amulet Star	\$1,500 140 lb.
Araxy II	1,000 145
A Surging Tide	4,100 101
Henlida	1,300 147
Black Seal	2,000 123
Bona Vacantia	1,000 150
Hugle	2,000 153
Corcoran	1,000 145
Crack Shot	1,200 146
Dashing Beauty	600 143
Dutch Treat	2,000 150
Fadedawn	5,774 108
Happy Returns	4,700 104
Hole in One	1,000 145
Joan	2,327 137
King's Flight	2,000 150
Lex Fort	2,000 150
Mainsall	2,000 150
Manhattan	1,500 148
Maple Leaf	1,500 148
Moonlight	2,300 157
Never-Never	1,500 140
Optima Fide	1,000 145
Royal Sovereign	1,000 140
Santa Anita	3,000 153
Sydney Lady	1,500 148
Tien Tien	1,500 148
United Express	10,000 103
Vivian	600 144
Wayworth	1,000 143

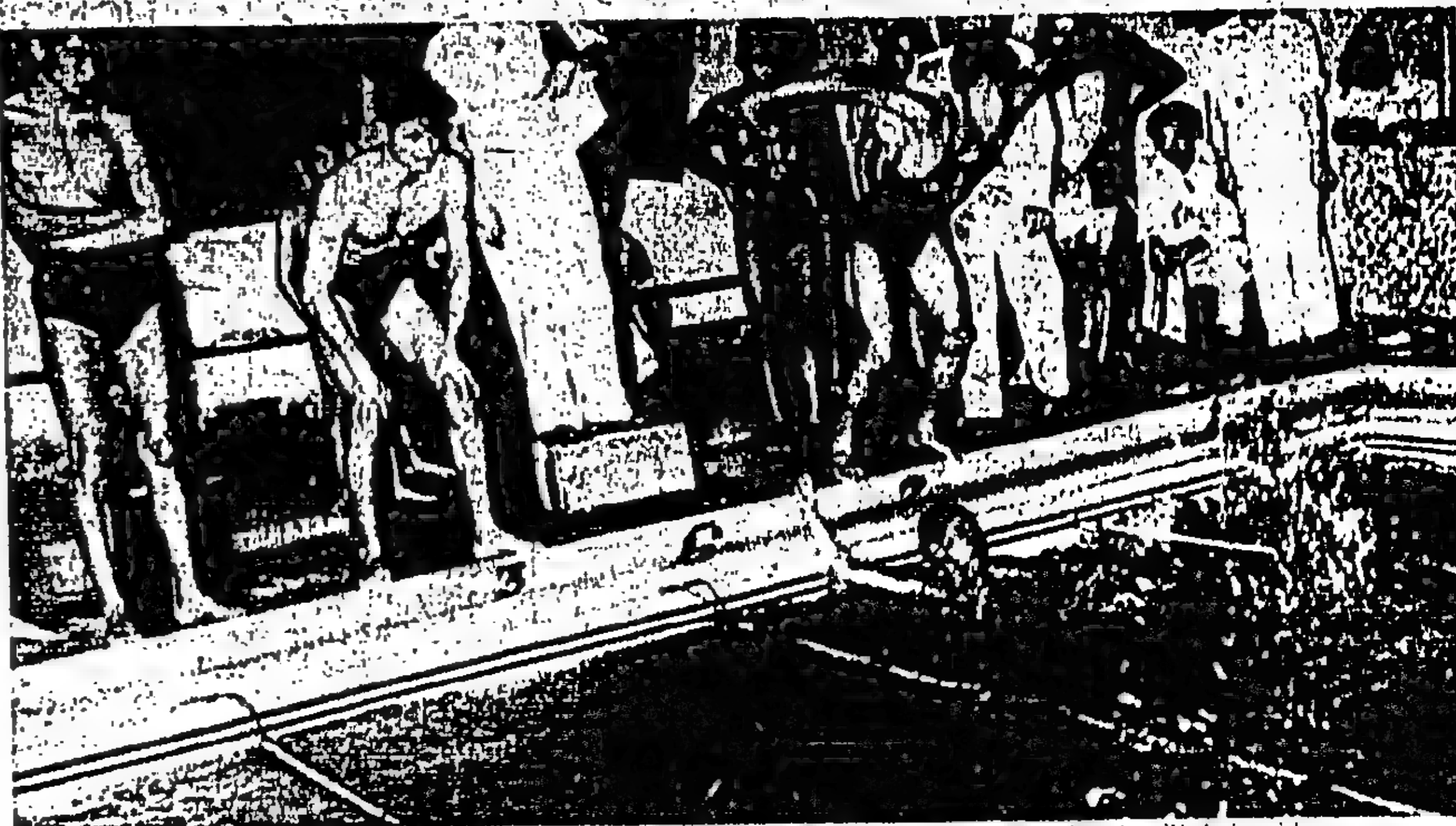
It will be seen from the above that United Express (if entered) has to shoulder 195 lb. over a middle distance run of 1 1/4 miles and it is interesting that the weight over the new scale for inches is a penalty of 43 lb.

It is without any question a terrific penalty, but one must not overlook the fact that the pony has had a good innings and has gained \$10,000. Let the owner, I do not expect that United Express will be entered, for it would be wasting the nomination fee \$5.

Other Heavies

ENDEAVOUR has also a heavy burden of 168 lb. to carry and the next in order comes Happy Returns with 164 lb. on her back. A Surprising Time has to tip the scale at 161 lb. while Mainsall has to draw 160 lb.

It is useless to discuss the prospect at this juncture, for the trainers have over a fortnight to trim their candidates. But the race will be full of interesting possibilities.



The 120 yards medley relay at the Lai Tsun-University gala last week-end. Kenneth Lo ready to take over for the breast-stroke, while Tsang Cheong-ming just diving off as Lau Yiu-ling touches.—Ming Yuen.

Bumper Entries Expected For Colony Aquatic Championships

Chan Chun-nam Ready To Defend His Titles

(By "Tinker")

THERE'S NOTHING NEW from swimming circles. The majority are awaiting the climax of the season—the Colony Championships, which will be held on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4.

The closing day for entries, by a new threat in Tsai Heng has come into being.

Of the women, most improved has been Celeste Guterres, running a close second, however, is Ho Wai-king of the Chinese Bathing Club. They will offer a challenge, but should not be able to beat Vivienne Churn over the 50 and 100 yards.

Miss Guterres should have little difficulty in taking the women's 220 and 440 yards free-style events.

Added to this trio will be Ko Mui-ling, of Lai Tsun, and Sa Wai-ying of the same Club—the latter the back-stroke mermaid. Tsang Fung-kuen, of Lai Tsun and Li Po-luen, of South China, are the outstanding breast-stroke swimmers, though Vivienne Churn must be considered for the 50 yards.

Jackie Anderson has been "down" for two weeks with flu, and though she returns to training to-day it is a matter of opinion how much of her old form she can recover in the short time left.

WITH the Championships, the V.R.C. will conclude a successful season, one which has been above the average in ambition. Their best initiative was shown in the arrangement of the Inter-Schools gala last month.

The Club may be suffering from a lack of swimmers, but there's nothing wrong with their spirit.

St Leger Call-Over

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Latest call-over for the St Leger which is being run on September 26, was as follows:

5-1 (o) Owen Tudor, 13-2 (t).
6-1 (t & o) Chateau La Rose.
17-2 (t & o) Sunacast.
9-1 (o) Devonian.
100-9 (t & o) Royalist.
100-9 (o) Baskittar.
100-6 (o) Lambert Simeon and Starwort.
20-1 (o) Carthage and Polomy.
20-1 (o) Dancing Time.
23-1 (t & o) Felous.
23-1 (o) Feroze Khan.
33-1 (o) Royal Academy.
50-1 (o) Fettes.
100-1 (o) Ranger.

U.S. Tennis

Kovacs Enters Singles Semi-finals

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 3 (Reuter).—Frankie Kovacs, indoor champion, who is fancied to succeed McNeill, entered the U.S. National Tennis semi-finals, by beating Jack Kramer, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6.

The women's semi-finals include Margaret Osborne and Pauline Betz. Miss Osborne, though not ranked in the first ten American tennis players, is enjoying a brilliant season and is capable of upsetting anybody. Miss Betz is now not favourite for the title, the winning of which would confirm the impression existing for several months that she is the outstanding player present in American women's tennis.—Reuter.

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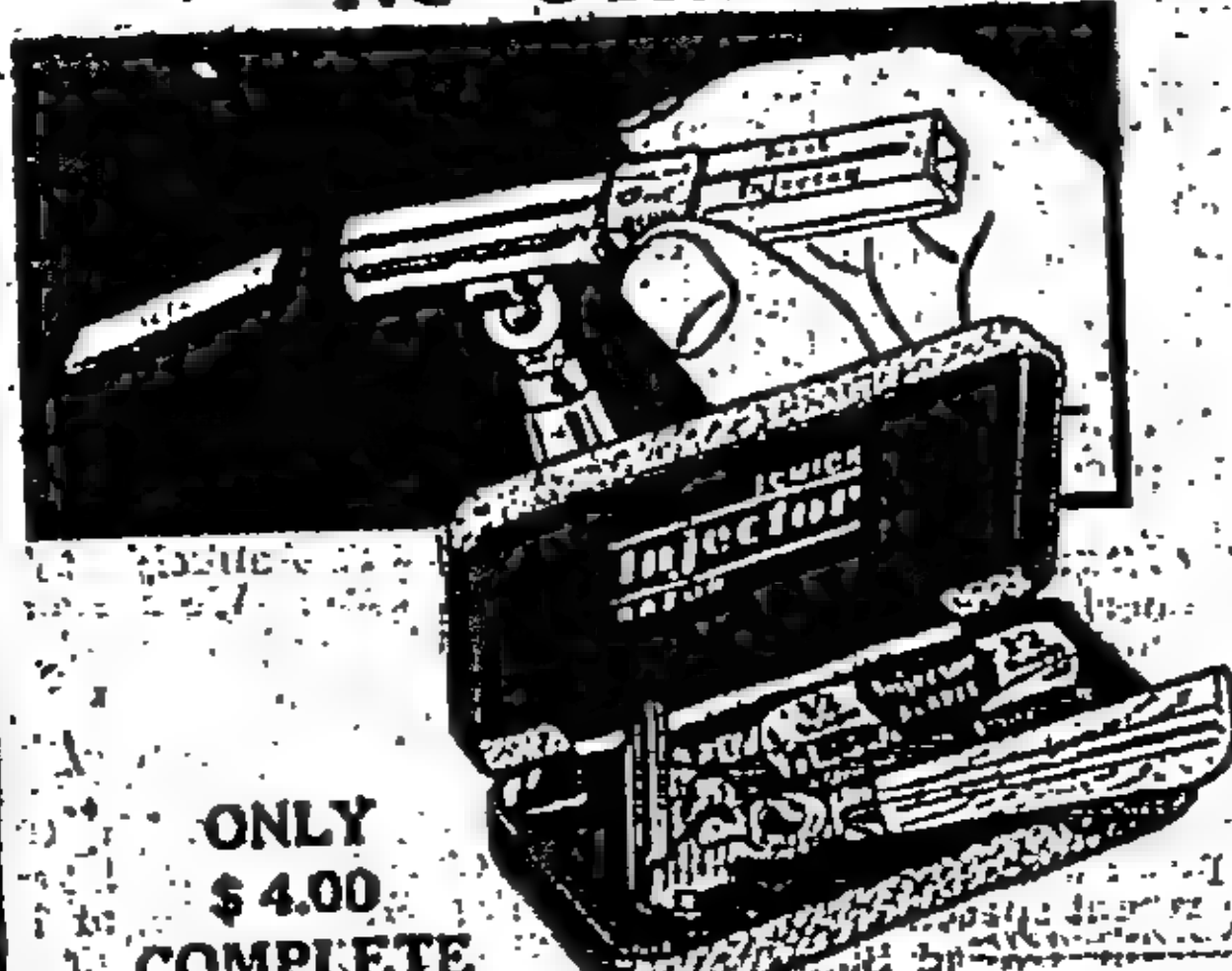
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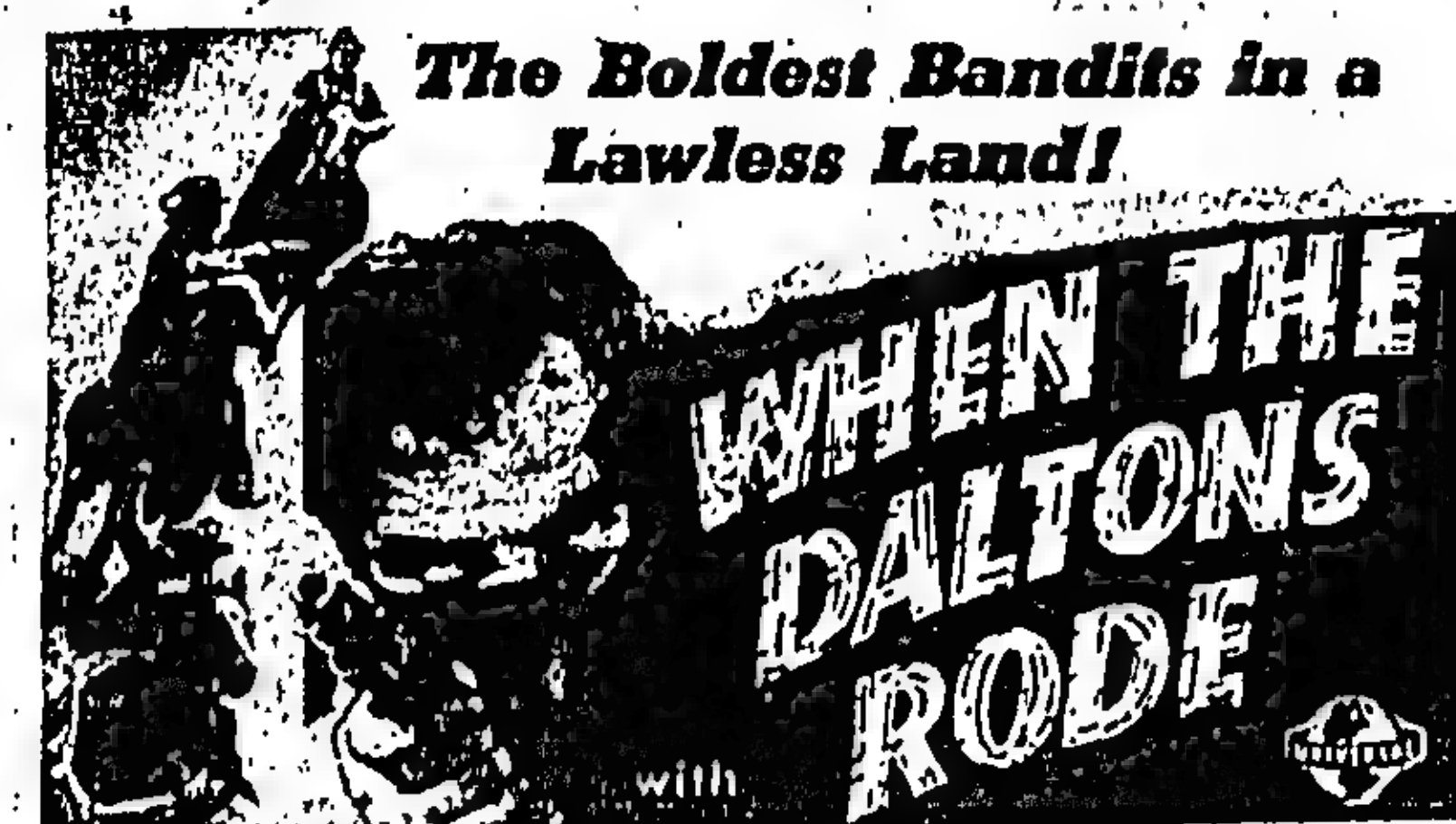
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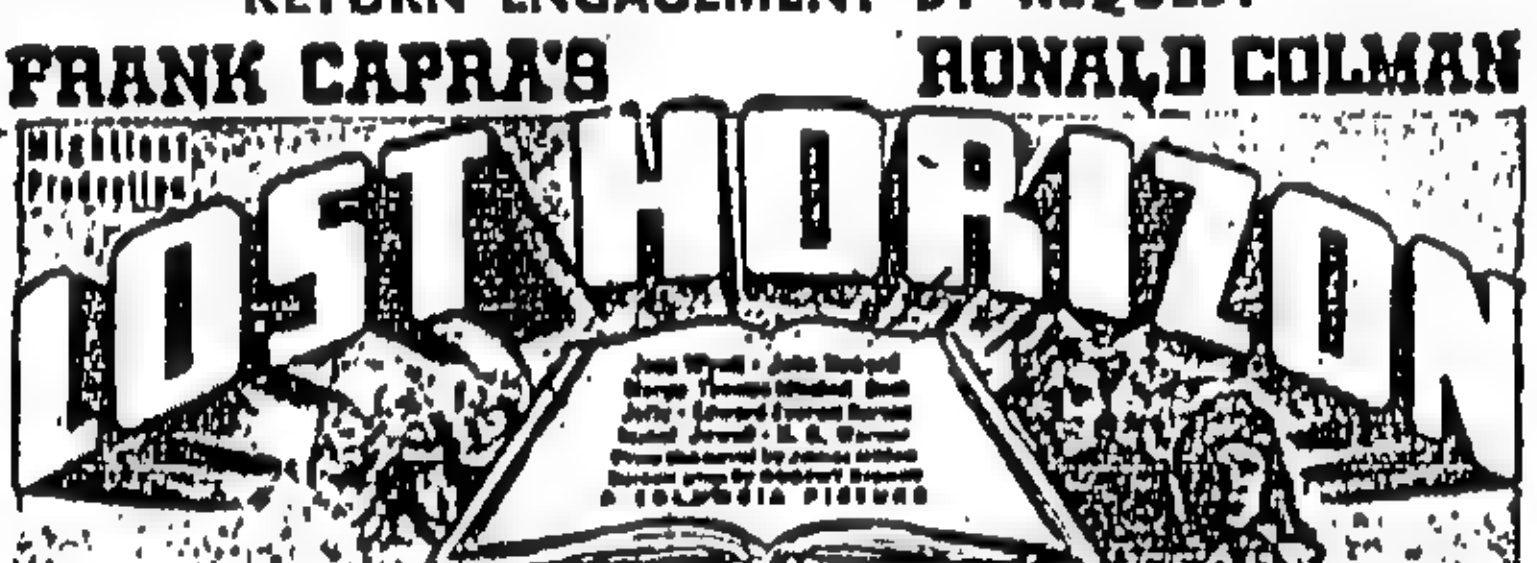
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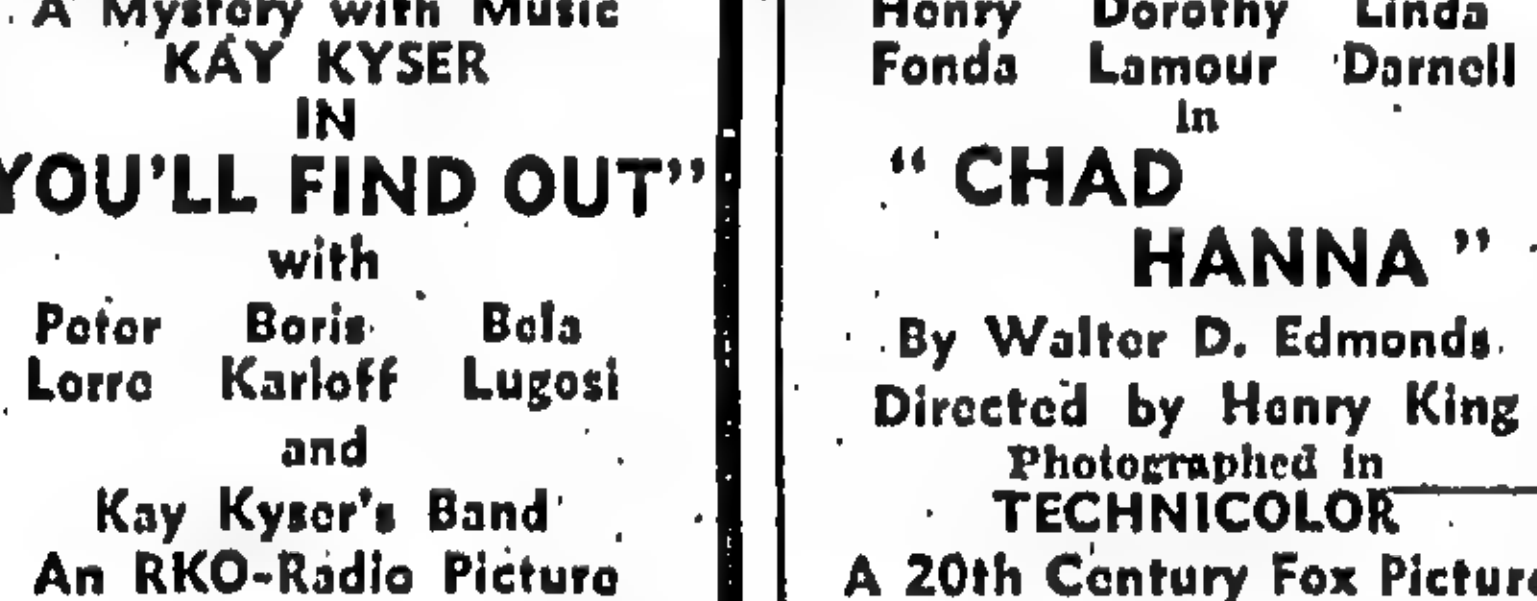
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Germans Abandon Many Positions

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entered the city. Leningrad was by far not encircled nor cut off. It maintains its communications with the rest of the country by means of various railways.

Colossal Casualties
LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—Reports reaching London indicate that the total German losses in the Soviet campaign so far are 1,750,000 dead, wounded and missing.

Russian losses are estimated at between two and three million indicating the colossal size of the action.

The Russians it is claimed have 9,000,000 men in the field and between four and five million additional men are to be put into the field.

Nazis "Radio Victory"

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, today ridiculed the German radio claim of the capture of Briansk which he called a "radio victory." Asked by "Reuter" whether other German attempts had been made to cross the Dnieper by pontoon similar to that recounted in the Soviet communiqué, M. Lozovsky admitted that a number of such attempts were made but that all failed.

He added that the Germans, on all distant approaches to Leningrad, were unable to advance and that they were obliged to rush up large reinforcements in order to maintain their positions.

Finnish Losses
MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (UP).—A dispatch from the front to the newspaper "Izvestia" today reported that the 45 day battle somewhere on the Finnish sector cost the Finns 18,000 killed or wounded.

The Finns opened an offensive on July 4 along a wide front and the advance was finally halted by vigorous Russian counter-attacks. The Finnish tactics were calculated to advance toward Lake "N", split the Red forces and enable the Germans to thrust in the main directions. Russians swam across the deep lake carrying artillery, entrenched themselves on the enemy shore and are continuing to repel the Finnish assaults.

Terse Communique

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the communiqué the Soviet Information Bureau issued at 11 p.m. G.M.T. "During September 4, our troops continued to fight the enemy along the entire front.

"On September 2, our air force destroyed 52 enemy planes in air combats and on their aerodromes. We lost 28 planes.

No Red Fleet Losses

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Not a single Soviet warship has been sunk in the Baltic. It is officially announced.

Franco-Japanese Problems

MANILA, Sept. 5 (UP).—Local Japanese circles stated that Tokyo is expected to dispatch Mr. Kenichi Yoshizawa, former delegate to the Dutch East Indies to Hanoi to handle Franco-Japanese problems.

Polish Executions

BERLIN, Sept. 4 (UP).—The official news agency today exposed that eighteen former Polish police officials have been sentenced to death by a special German military court on charges of murdering members of the German minority in Poland two years ago.

MACHINE SETTER'S HONOUR

Matthew Bradley, a machine setter, was recently called from his bench at a big Tyneside armament works to be decorated by the King with the medal of the Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) as a mark of appreciation of the increased production in his factory.

LIVED TO 104

William Wall, of Dudley Road, Tividale, Staffs, who celebrated his 104th birthday on May 23, has died. He did not know Britain was at war. Except for a few months, Mr Wall had lived in the same district all his life. He had over 150 descendants, three of his children being old age pensioners.

DENTZ ON WAY BACK TO VICHY

BEIRUT, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—General Dentz accompanied by 47 officers of his General Staff, has arrived from Jerusalem on the first stage of his journey back to France.

A Guard of Honour was mounted at the quayside and presented arms before General Dentz boarded his ship which is leaving in a convoy shortly.

Madame Dentz is accompanying her husband, who is understood to have accepted the offer of a high post on the Vichy General Staff.

An Allied spokesman told "Reuter" "We have given the men of Vichy a good lesson in International Law and fair play on how to treat prisoners. Let the Axis ask General Dentz about it."

It is learned that over 100 French seamen deserted from the last convoy of ships arriving from France and joined the Free French forces in the Levant. One mariner was astounded to find Beirut life proceeding normally. He said: "Vichy propaganda told us that Beirut was in ruins and with no petrol for traffic."

R.A.F. Pays Boys To Go To 'Varsity

Eighteen-year-old boy cinema operator Victor Lacey, of East Sheen, is receiving a university education at the expense of the R.A.F.

Victor is the ward of an East Sheen solicitor. "When my old schoolmaster wrote to me about the R.A.F. scheme to send boys to university and groom them for commissions," he said "I jumped at the chance. I never thought I'd be lucky enough to go to university and get a chance to become a pilot."

'Blue' And Wings?

Now Victor spends his R.A.F. pocket money rowing on the river on his spare afternoons, so he may get his "blue" as well as his wings. Public schoolboys, clerks, insurance men, and elementary schoolboys are already sharing lectures with Victor under this plan.

Said a squadron leader with a peacetime reputation as an educationist "We find that university education gives a broader view to the boys. All we ask is a school-leaving certificate, the recommendation of a master, physical fitness, and a desire to fly."

LATE NEWS

Interrogation Of Mr. W. E. Carman

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And he worked 12 hours a day?—Yes. This inquiry took place on October 10, 1940?—Yes.

And he was sent to hospital where he remained until July 1941?—June 1941.

Foot Amputated

His foot was amputated, and then he was sent to Shanghai to have an artificial foot supplied?—He went to Shanghai on my suggestion.

Who paid for his fare to Shanghai?—He did.

While he was in hospital did you pay him any salary?—We did.

What did you pay him?—He was paid \$200 a month until February when Government instructed us to reduce it to \$150.

Who was the individual who conveyed these instructions to you?—As most of our instructions were from Mr Campbell, I presume it was him.

And it was reduced to \$150?—Yes.

Mr Davidson's Queries

Mr Davidson: May I ask what is the relevance of this evidence to the subject matter of the inquiry?

The Chairman: The relevance is this. We have to inquire into the placing of contracts by the A.R.P. and the P.W.D. and we have to make a comprehensive report of our findings regarding whether Government has been overcharged for work done and whether the work done has been up to standard.

Mr Davidson: I still don't see the relevance of a person going to Shanghai and the amount he was paid.

The Chairman: You will later. The Chairman then asked Mr Carman: You reduced the salary to \$150 on instructions from Government through Mr Campbell?—Yes.

Then he was eventually given \$3,350 as compensation by your firm?—Yes.

Was ten per cent. charged on that?—No.

Was ten per cent. charged on his salary while he was in hospital?—Yes.

Is it correct that Deacons acted for this man?—Yes.

Did they ever deal with the Government?—Not to my knowledge.

All the negotiations were conducted direct with your firm?—Yes, that's right, through Hastings and Co.

Agreement On Costs

You also said at the last hearing that in the main all the costs which included everything pertaining to the job plus ten per cent. was agreed upon, that in fact it did not represent a nett ten per cent. for Mr Pearce (then Acting Director of Public Works) insisted upon no office overhead be included, no executive salaries be included, and only agreed on a portion of the salaries of men on the job. Is that correct?—Yes.

I then asked you was that the contract you were fulfilling, and you replied all the costs plus ten per cent. and you have the contract in writing. Have you got that contract?—The contract was sent to Mr Barnett.

But I see here that what you refer to as a contract is really a letter?—It is an exchange of letters between our company and Mr Pearce.

The Chairman then instructed Mr Barnett, the Secretary, to read out the letters exchanged, one of which was in the nature of a memorandum regarding arrangements previously agreed upon concerning the construction of air-raid tunnels.

ENEMY CONVOY RAIDED

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At Derna, bombs fell near a barracks and a post and telegraph office causing a fire and explosion.

At Gazala, fires were started on the southern landing ground.

At Bardia, a direct hit was scored on the officers' quarters.

The Fleet Air Arm attacked store dumps at Gambut where a number of fires were seen to break out.

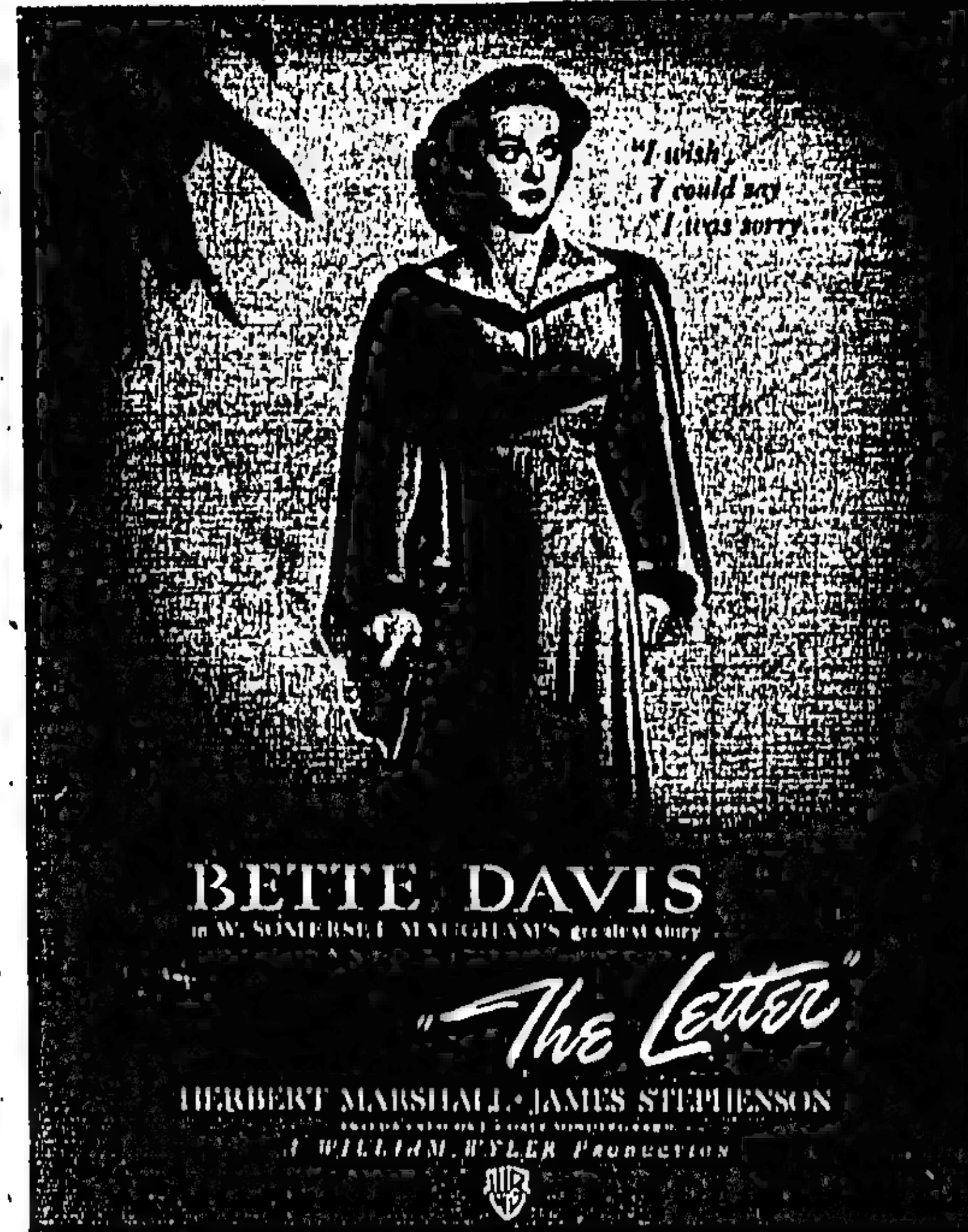
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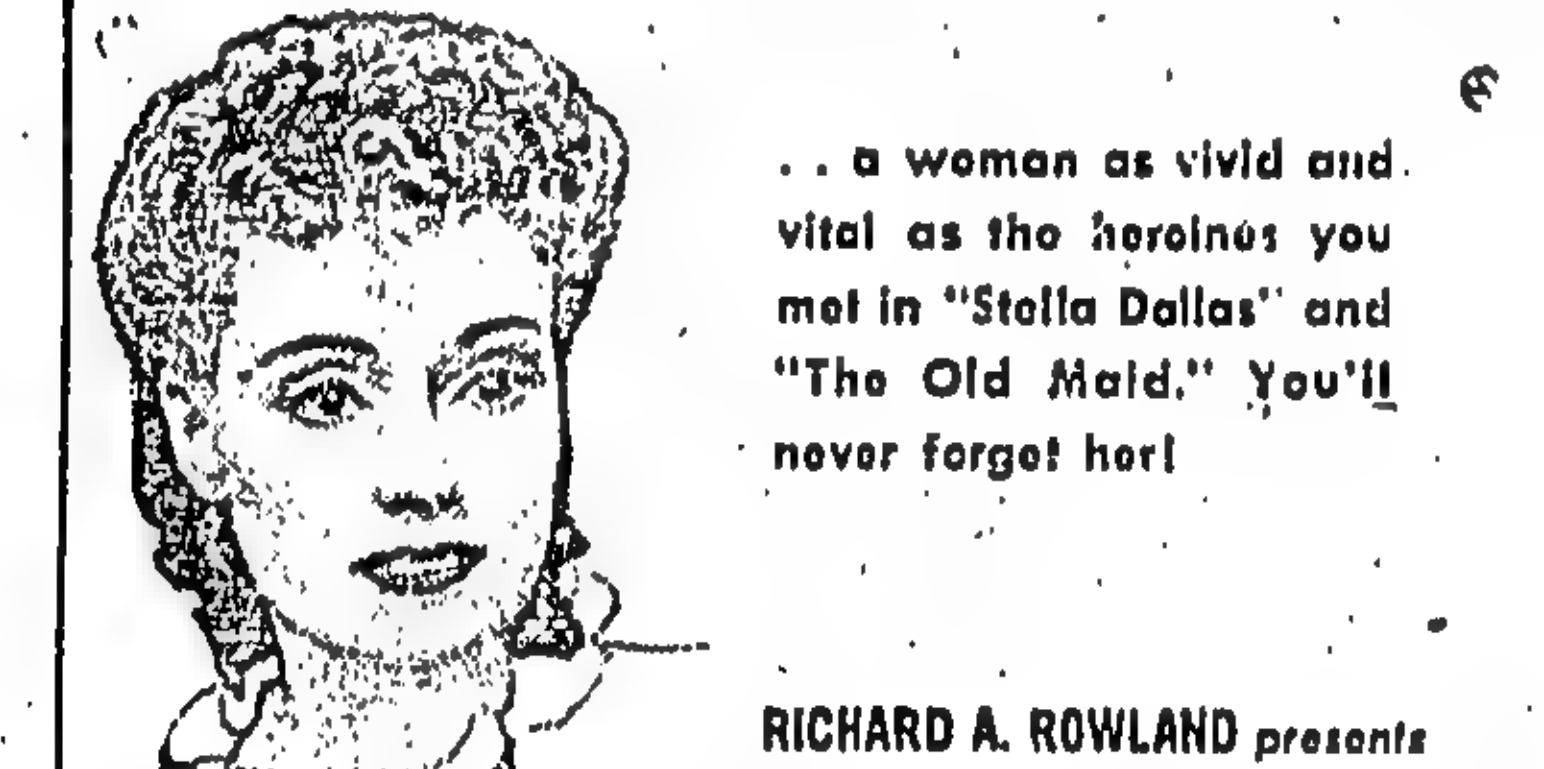
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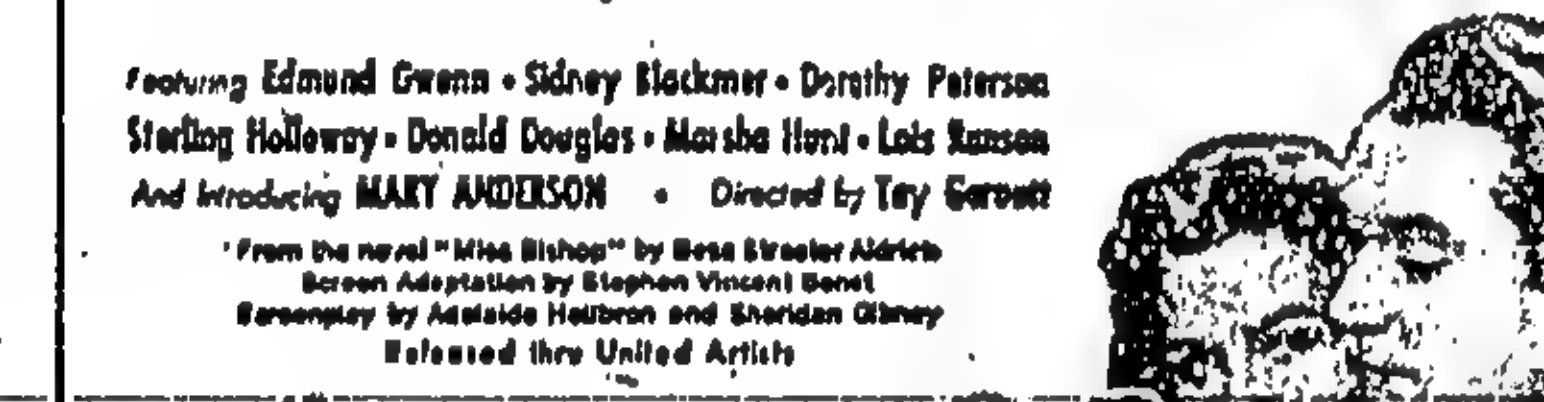
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Heavy Daylight Raid Over Northern France

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—A heavy attack is believed to have been made by a large force of bombers and fighters over Northern France this afternoon. Aircraft were heard flying across the Channel at a great height.

About an hour later bombers in formation, escorted by many squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes, re-crossed the southeast coast on the way home.

Meanwhile anti-aircraft fire had been heard from the French coast and there were also heavy explosions believed to have been the crashing of bombs.

Rotterdam Docks
LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—It is learned that one Fortress aircraft bombed docks at Rotterdam this afternoon.

Toll of Fighters
LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Eleven enemy fighters were destroyed and seven British fighters are missing.

Pursuers Out-Climbed
LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The gunner in the Fortress felt a twinge of toothache owing to the steep rate of climb but otherwise none of the crew suffered and no damage was done to the aircraft, says the Air Ministry.

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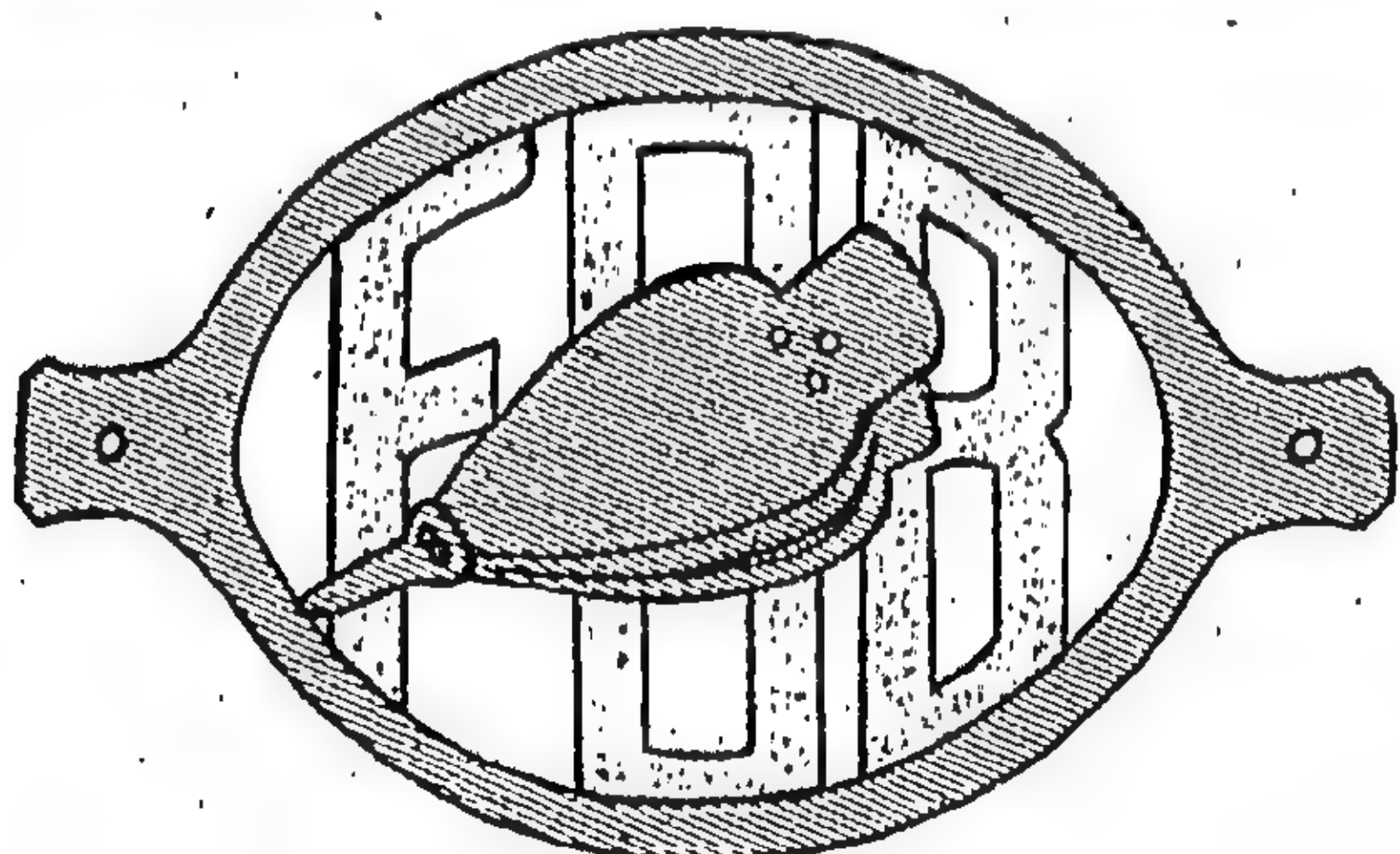
Mussulman Makes Stand

PATNA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Following the recent resignations from the Viceroy's Executive Council by Muslim members, a stand has been made by Sir Sultan Ahmed who, on the eve of assuming office as a member of the Council, said: "In accepting the offer of the Viceroy to succeed Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, I did nothing that is at all a contravention of the decision of the Muslim League, for I am even now convinced that I have done nothing which would be in the least prejudicial to the best interests of Mussulmans in India."

Sir Sultan Ahmed contended that his appointment which was necessitated by the resignation of Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, was wholly unconnected with any scheme of expansion of the Executive Council.

Polish Executions

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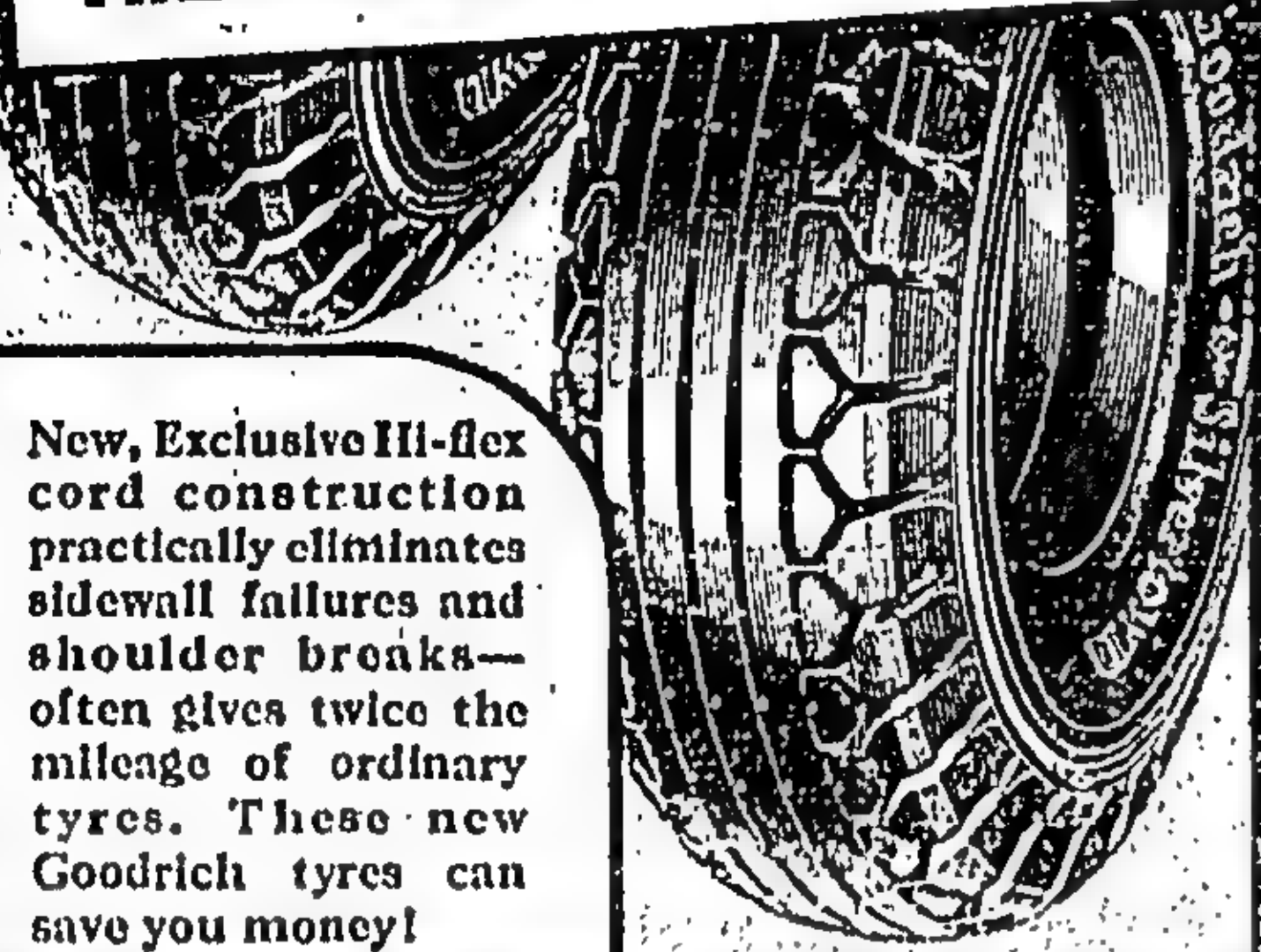
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MOTIF OF VICTORY

BEETHOVEN did not know the Morse code. But he wrote in it. By the sheerest and yet most appropriate coincidence possible, he employed as a rhythmic pattern in the first movement of his Fifth Symphony what any telegrapher would recognize as the Morse symbol for the letter V.

There are two coincidences here, one of them obvious and of no importance. The letter V is the Roman equivalent of the figure 5, but what matters more is that V has become in France and other occupied countries a symbol of ultimate victory over the Nazi terror. It is written on walls and elsewhere to catch the eye of Nazi overseers. It is ubiquitous. So many V's have appeared as to suggest some sort of underground organisation.

Now, like an increasingly unruly child, V is not only going to be seen but heard. For victims of Nazi ambition are now learning to spell it out in dots and dashes: dot-dot-dot-dash. They can even sing or whistle it, to the first four notes of the world's most familiar symphony. If Frenchmen do this as often as sentiment prompts they will reproduce most of the symphony's first movement, which is based on a constant reiteration of dot-dot-dot-dash motifs, one set overlaying another in crescendos sometimes expressive of an increasing fury, as of suppressed peoples.

The Nazis may find themselves in a veritable vortex of sounds dearly familiar to German ears but ill attuned to Nazi theories. Beethoven would never have been a Nazi. The story of his disillusion with Napoleon is twice told: how the composer had dedicated his "Eroica" Symphony to the military genius of the French Revolution only to destroy the dedication page when Napoleon began to act like a Hitler.

Beethoven would have been no more impressed with Nazi ventures. One feels he would be glad to know that the motif of "fate knocking at the door," with which his Symphony V opens, has been turned into a motif of the inevitable knocking minously on doors and windows wherever Nazi oppressors pass by.—*Christian Science Monitor*

PEASANTRY: KEY TO CHINA'S FUTURE

By Hugh Deane

War has brought numerous complications to the Chinese scene—stresses and strains which are vital to an understanding of the political situation in the country. At Chungking and in the interior, Mr Deane, who wrote for the "Christian Science Monitor," has had ample opportunity to watch these developments.

China admit that the "Red bandits" are more firmly entrenched than ever.

The growing divergence between the status of the peasantry in the guerilla areas of North China, where the Communists are powerful, and the status of the peasantry in Kuomintang-controlled Central and South China, is regarded by many observers as one of the major conditioning factors of Chinese politics. Many see in it an underlying cause of the recent clashes between the Kuomintang and the Communists, and consider it one of the most important problems which a victorious China would have to face.

These observers point out that in the long run the peasantry has always been the most powerful determinant of Chinese politics. Throughout Chinese history, when economic conditions became intolerable, a rising tide of peasant rebellions revealed that the "heavenly mandate" of the ruling dynasty had been exhausted.

The leaders of the revolt would ultimately succeed in establishing a new dynasty, and the process of reconstitution and change would again commence to unfold.

Streamlined Version

A streamlined version of an old-style peasant rebellion is now going on in north China, slightly disguised as guerilla warfare. Rebellion was implicit in the situation caused by the war. The Japanese invasion released a revolt which had long been smouldering. The very fact that the North China peasant took up arms to defend his village changed his status and made him an unconscious bearer of the torch of agrarian revolution. For when the peasant guerillas began to fight they began to demand reforms to fight for. At the very beginning the leadership of the peasants was acquired by the Communists and such groups as the Shansi Sacrifice League and the National Salvationists.

Agrarian Movement

Chinese Communism is quite essentially an agrarian movement. The Communists have brought the North China peasantry new and improved techniques of struggle—techniques which the Reds acquired during 10 years of civil war. By a shrewd guerilla warfare the Japanese control of North China has been confined to the big cities and towns and lines of communication. The hinterland has remained in the hands of the guerillas.

The effect of Communist leadership has been to convert typical sporadic peasant uprisings into a widespread, integrated guerilla war capable of being waged for years. Despite the gloomy predictions of many military experts, the guerillas have already been in the field for three and a half years, and Japanese reports from North

China admit that the "Red bandits" are more firmly entrenched than ever. The basis of the guerilla movement in North China has been a number of political and economic reforms calculated to attach the loyalties of the peasants. Guerilla governments have been established—the largest of them, the Shansi-Hopei-Charhar Border Government, controls the rural areas of 90 hsien (counties) with a population of 10,000,000—in which the peasants have been accorded certain democratic rights. The village chiefs and local and hsien councils are elected by the peasants, which some observers hold to be an important experiment in democracy. The widespread organisation of peasant unions, furthermore, has given the peasantry a new source of political power. In the Shansi-Hopei-Charhar Border Region alone 1,000,000 peasants are reported to have been unionised.

Moderate Programme

A moderate agrarian programme based on that of Sun Yat-sen has been carried out. A 25 per cent reduction in rent, a cardinal point in Sun's programme, has been widely enforced. Land belonging to landlords occupied areas has been divided up among the poor peasants. The authorities have encouraged the establishment of agricultural and industrial co-operatives, which have developed far more in guerilla areas than elsewhere.

While North China's semi-feudal society cannot be said to have been altered fundamentally, the peasantry has acquired increased political power.

The main significant changes in the status of the peasants in

Central and South China have come as a result of the inflation. The cheapening of the currency has enabled debt-ridden peasants to pay up. The general effect of the inflation, however, has not been to cause a basis for reform but to fortify the status quo. In the first place, the vast majority of peasants produce only enough for subsistence and rent—in a semi-feudal economy the rent automatically approximates what the peasant produces above what his family requires to subsist—and the value of money, therefore, is of relatively little importance. Secondly, while fewer peasants are reduced to tenancy, few are able to improve their position by purchasing land, for land values are equal to or above the general price level.

In another respect inflation has affected the peasantry adversely—it has decreased the supply of cheap credit. In recent years the Central Government has established thousands of rural credit societies to supply peasants with loans at an annual interest of about 10 per cent—low compared with rates obtainable from money-lenders which average 25 or 30 per cent.

But it was found that even at best the credit available was insufficient to go around and much of the money went to well-to-do peasants or landlords who lent it at usurious rates—a sample survey in Shensi revealed that only 2 per cent of cheap credit went to tenants, who need it most. Faced with inflation and more urgent financial demands, the Government has decreed that funds allocated for rural credit would be reduced. And because of the inflation fronting a victorious China—if more credit is needed than formerly. Before the war each acre of land (a mou is one-sixth of an acre) required about \$15

capital a year: now each mou requires about \$150. Unless counteractive measures are adopted, experts have warned, the credit shortage will ultimately entail a decline in agricultural production.

About 60 per cent of Chinese peasants are tenants, 25 per cent part-tenants and 25 per cent independent owners. Most (and the best) land is owned by a small group of landlords, who are powerfully represented in the Kuomintang.

Before the war high rent, exorbitant taxes and usurious interest rates, coupled with floods, drought and the disastrous effects of the world depression, generated a marked trend to concentration of land ownership and tenancy. An increasing amount of land went out of cultivation, and China, reputedly a great agricultural country, had to import rice. Thousands of peasants were forced off the land—a source of cheap labour in the cities, of banditry and Communism.

Conflict Foreseen

Excellent crops just before and just after the war somewhat alleviated the situation—though rice imports continued. The extremely poor rice crop of last year—in 1940 rice imports doubled—which caused the price of rice to quintuple itself in three months, has led some observers to believe that the long war has further dislocated China's creaking semi-feudal agrarian economy, and that unless realistic reforms are carried out portentous political conflicts will develop from the increasingly restless villages.

Latest statistics, admittedly rough, seem to show that the trend towards concentration of land ownership and tenancy has continued since the war, despite the retarding effect of inflation.

The future seems to promise a conflict, peaceful or violent, between the war-born peasant rebels of North China and the agrarian conservatism of the Kuomintang. This conflict is rural credit would be reduced. apt to be the first issue confronting a victorious China—if it can be so long sublimated. Before the war each acre of land (a mou is one-sixth of an acre) required about \$15

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

A further instalment from the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

WHAT'S IN A GAME?

WE stand about the shriek of laughter. 'Lotto! Detail Board outside the Company Office. The Detail Board holds the daily news of the Company. It tells the soldier what he has to do. . . .

It is the Handwriting On The Wall. It is the Word. If you're Detailed to do a thing, you go and do it, right or wrong. If the Detail says "Go and scrub the floor," you scrub.

If your name is omitted from a Detailed list, you rejoice, and go and get a tea and a wad at the Naffy, for once off the Detail you cease to exist.

To-day, among other things in the frame, hangs a strange typewritten notice:—

It has been brought to my notice that gambling is taking place. I have adopted a proceeding to stop this, and any N.C.O. or man caught will be severely dealt with. Here—

Para. 109. Gambling.—The playing of cards, dice, etc., for money or money's worth is forbidden in any part of the camp. Card playing is allowed only in the Recreation Room. The game of Lotto is allowed in camp.

At this, the Lad from the Elphinstone goes into a phant and Castle goes into an army names for 'em.

Detail Board outside the Company Office. The Detail Board holds the daily news of the Company. It tells the soldier what he has to do. . . .

In the hut, Sergeant Dagwood is lying down. This is an industrious, good, solid Sergeant, who can shoot the black out of the bull at countless hundreds of yards and take a forty-mile route-march like a walk round the block.

As the Lad skips in, Dagwood raises a head remarkably like that of George Bancroft and says, "Something bit you? Or have you gone crackers?"

The Lad tells him the joke. "Great hairy men play-brothers. . . all good pals. Why not Ludo? What's the point in winning your pal's money, or having him win yours?"

"No. The C.O. is quite right to put his foot down on gambling. Cards! Dice! Pah! Unhealthy. Now, a good game of Lotto is nice recreation, and hurts nobody."

"I used to play it when I was a nipper," says the Lad.

"Why, I've sat and listened to a Lotto game for hours in peacetime. There's an Army name for the Lotto numbers, from Kelly's Eye to Blind Nine."

"What's Kelly's Eye?" "Number one. Blind Nine is ninety. Then there's Guard-room Door, which is Four. Legs Eleven. Unlucky: thirteen, of course. And Clickety-Click: sixty-six. It's better than going to the pictures, and it's a nice harmless game."

HE WON POUNDS "Personally," the Sergeant goes on, "I have not come across gambling in this Battalion."

"Gambling is bad among soldiers. It creates ill-feeling. Soldiers are like a lot of brothers. . . all good pals. What's the point in winning your pal's money, or having him win yours?"

"No. The C.O. is quite right to put his foot down on gambling. Cards! Dice! Pah! Unhealthy. Now, a good game of Lotto is nice recreation, and hurts nobody."

"I used to play it when I was a nipper," says the Lad. "Well, let me tell you some thing," says Dagwood. "Many's the time when the bloke calling the numbers knows the back of the numbers for 'em."

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FULL REPORT OF THIS MORNING'S PROBE INTO A.R.P. DEPARTMENT

FROM PAGE ONE

placing of contracts by the A.R.P. and the P.W.D. and we have to make a comprehensive report of our findings regarding whether the Government has been overcharged for work done and whether the work done has been up to standard.

Mr Davidson: I still don't see the relevance of a person going to Shanghai and the amount he was paid.

The Chairman: You will later. The Chairman then asked Mr. Carrman: You reduced the salary to \$150 on instructions from Government through Mr Campbell?—Yes.

Then he was eventually given \$3,350 as compensation for your firm?—Yes.

Was ten per cent. charged on that?—No.

Was ten per cent. charged on his salary while he was in hospital?—Yes.

Is it correct that Deacons acted for this man?—Yes.

Did they ever deal with the Government?—Not to my knowledge.

All the negotiations were conducted direct with your firm?—Yes, that's right, through Hastings and Co.

Agreement On Costs

You also said at the last hearing that in the main all the costs which included everything pertaining to the job plus ten per cent. was agreed upon, that in fact it did not represent a net ten per cent. for Mr Pearce (then Acting Director of Public Works) insisted upon no office overheads be included, no executive salaries be included and only agreed on a portion of the salaries of men on the job. Is that correct?—Yes.

I then asked you was that the contract you were fulfilling, and you replied all the costs plus ten per cent. and you have the contract in writing. Have you not that contract?—The contract was sent to Mr Barnett. But I see here that what you refer to as a contract is really a letter?—It is an exchange of letters between our company and Mr Pearce.

The Chairman then instructed Mr Barnett, the Secretary, to read out the letters exchanged, one of which was in the nature of a memorandum regarding arrangements previously agreed upon concerning the construction of air raid tunnels.

Inquiry proceeding.

49,000 Feet of Tunnelling

The Chairman:—Exactly how many tunnels have your firm constructed up to date?

Mr Carrman:—It is impossible for me to state the exact number as there are so many sub-tunnels. I can give you the total footage. On July 31, it was 49,180.42 feet.

You are familiar with all this work?—In a general way.

You have visited these tunnels?—I have, on many occasions.

Call them hide-outs if you like, not tunnels. How many are there in Hongkong to which the public could go?—There are approximately 21 sites in which there are numerous portals, so that the total number of portals which people could enter may number 200.

There are 21 different sites on which underground tunnels are made. What about Kowloon?—I have nothing to do with Kowloon.

How many of these 21 sites are entirely completed?—The tunnels could have been used in the case of an emergency practically at once but due to medical requirements and Government regulations on sanitary equipment and ventilation problems we are working on all the tunnels at this time.

Not Entirely Completed

There is not a single tunnel entirely completed?—Not one tunnel is entirely completed in conformity with the regulations of the Government.

What do you mean then by your correspondence that these tunnels should be completed at the earliest possible moment?—At the outset this job was a question of speed. A year and a half before we took the job on we approached Government and were requested to submit estimates which we did, pointing out that before anyone could take on the job, they would have to engineer it from the stand-point of the foundations, the lay-out, ventilation and many other factors. When we were called in on the job, we were asked to start immediately, and Lieut-Gen. E. F. Norton, the then Acting Governor, personally visited the sites and requested that we speed operations as fast as possible. Everyone thought at that time that we might have an invasion.

In the space of 12 months you have been working on the tunnels, and yet not one is completed?—We worked as fast as possible. We were ordered to make possible the protection of the population in the event of trouble.

No Sanitary Arrangements

Have they all got sanitary arrangements installed?—They have not, to my knowledge.

Have they all got seating accommodation for the public?—They have not, but I understand some have.

Would it not be correct to say that though speed was the prime factor in the contract, the longer it takes the more money your firm makes?—Mr Davidson:—Is that a suggestion that the contract has been deliberately delayed?—I cannot see the relevance of the question.

Objection Over-Ruled

The Chairman:—I am making no suggestion. In the opinion of the Commission this question is most relevant to the terms of the Inquiry. Your objection is over-ruled.

The Chairman:—Have you any idea, Mr Carrman, when the whole job of building tunnels will be finished?—I have no more idea than I did at the start. Two weeks after the job commenced, Lieut-Gen. Norton indicated that if we could not speed up the work, it would have to be stopped.

He said that?—Yes. He was anxious for us to open as many sites

as possible. No other firm in the Colony was in a position to carry on. On these 21 sites, at the moment none of which you say have been completed, what in your estimation is the total number of people they can shelter?—30,000 feet would accommodate approximately 200,000.

Do you consider that if they were all full, that they are in a sufficiently advanced stage to house these 200,000 people for 24 hours?—Many of them are not.

Most Reserve Answer

Would you mention those that are in a position to house the occupants for 24 hours?—I have to reserve my answer. Some may not.

Why?—The ventilation shafts may not have been completed in all.

You know how many of these sites have ventilation shafts?—I am afraid I can't.

Can you find that out?—Yes. Some may not have ventilation shafts, depending on the sites and elevation of the entrance.

Do you know how many have ventilation shafts worked by machinery?—I cannot give the exact number.

Can you find that out?—Yes.

Have you commenced any new tunnels within the last two months?—I believe so—at Aberdeen.

This is other than the 21 sites you have mentioned?—Yes.

Purchase Of Plant

At the last hearing we were discussing this question of plant which you had purchased for the job. I think you promised, if my memory serves me right, to find out more details about this plant. Have you?

Yes, I have here a summary of the plant and equipment purchased by us on behalf of Government.

What is the total value of the equipment?—\$260,254.47 as of July 31.

In October, 1940, roughly a month after you exchanged these letters with the P.W.D. you purchased \$43,799.12 worth of plant, in November you purchased \$18,724.00, in December \$39,067.32, in January, 1941, \$25,073.86, in February \$10,406.26, in March \$52,223.56, in April \$25,005.07, in May \$31,492.01, in June \$6,940.52, and in July \$10,224.56, making a grand total of \$260,254.47. Have you purchased anything in August?—Yes.

How much?—I cannot give you the figures.

Will you get them for us?—I will. Was 10 per cent. charged on these purchases?—Yes.

And who do you consider the plant belongs to?—Government.

So they paid 10 per cent. on their own property?—Under the terms of the contract, yes.

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Witness then produced a list of engineering equipment belonging to Marsman's and in service on the tunnel job. According to the list, as read out by the Chairman, the company had \$8,000 worth of surveying equipment, \$1,500 worth of drafting equipment as well as plant and other equipment in their various units such as Needle Hill Mine, Concrete Products Ltd and the machine shop at Hung Hom which were used to make various tests.

The Chairman:—What is the plant in these units?—We hired it at various times to carry out tests.

The costs of these were paid for by Government?—No, we carried that out as an engineering part of the job.

Marsman's Equipment

Apart from your plant and equipment at these three places, the total value of your plant on the job is \$9,500?—Yes, with the exception of these which are hired.

But your own plant and equipment is worth \$9,500?—I don't understand you because there is also equipment hired to Government by us.

Your answer is that Marsman has plant worth \$9,500 but in addition hired some of their own to Government?—Yes.

What is the capital value of your plant which you hired to Government?—\$25,000. At times it had been higher than that.

What was the highest that you ever had?—I will have to supply that figure.

What was the monthly rental paid to you by Government in respect of this plant?—In July last the rental was \$800, in June \$800, in May \$750, in April \$800, in March \$800, in February \$800, in January \$800, in December, 1940, \$400, in November \$400, in October \$450 and in September \$350. These figures are approximate.

Charge On Rentals

Was 10 per cent. ever charged on these rentals?—Yes, because they were part of the cost of the job.

So the position again is that Government are hiring plant and paying 10 per cent. of the cost of hire to you?—To the advantage of Government.

Does that also apply to the plant hired from Kin Lee by you?—Yes.

You hired an air compressor from Kin Lee which you say is valued at \$9,000. What monthly hire did you pay?—I believe \$250 for a full month.

Whatever you paid to Kin Lee for hire you also got 10 per cent?—Yes.

Does that apply also to the Hongkong Mines Ltd for renting the drills and grinders, etc., the capital value of which was \$65,000?—Yes.

What was the approximate rental for that?—Between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a month.

On which you also got 10 per cent?—Yes.

So, according to this type of contract, it would not be incorrect to say that the more the costs of the hire the more your firm makes?—Yes.

Arranged With P.W.D.

Can you tell me who fixed this hire?—Are you referring now to the

Hongkong Mines?—Yes, if you like. That was arranged between ourselves and the P.W.D. Which gentleman in the P.W.D.?

I believe Mr Campbell and Mr Pearce.

How was the arrangement made?—In correspondence or verbally?—I cannot remember.

Will you ascertain and let us know?—Yes.

Kin Lee Hiring

With regard to Kin Lee, how were the terms of hiring made?—That happened to be just another question of getting a compressor. We were looking all over Hongkong and all the ports in the East for the equipment and it so happened Kin Lee had a spare one. Just how it came to the job I don't know.

I don't know who arranged it. I presume it was arranged between ourselves and Mr Campbell.

Who fixed the rent?—I cannot say. Did your firm fix it?—No.

Therefore it must have been Mr Campbell?—It must have been arranged by Mr Campbell and Mr Pearce and Kin Lee.

Who fixed the rent for the plant that you hired?—That was arranged in conversation between members of my staff.

So Marsman's fixed the rent?—Yes. Without consulting the P.W.D.?—We consult the P.W.D. on every item of expenditure.

In that case, Marsman's fixed the rent with Mr Campbell and Mr Pearce?—That's right.

Insurance Responsibility

To come back to this arrangement between you and the Public Works Department for making the tunnels, it is mentioned in the letter from Mr Pearce that your firm would be responsible for the insurance for which Government would pay.

Is that correct?—Not that we were responsible, but we would try to secure policies similar to those in force in the Needle Hill Mine.

Did you succeed?—We approached several insurance firms but no British company would take out the policies. Finally, we obtained a policy from the Asia Life.

When was that?—Shortly after the job started.

In which all your workmen were insured?—Yes.

Including Mr Olsen?—Mr Olsen was insured under a new policy which stipulated that payment would be made if an accident occurred, resulting in death or loss of a limb or an eye within three months after the accident. Therefore we did not receive compensation from the insurance company.

The actual total of the amount of plant hired to Government comes to \$249,000?—Yes.

Supplied With Plant

Would it be correct to say that unless you had the plant on the job you would not be in a position to do the job?—Yes.

So you had in fact been supplied with plant by Government to do the job for which they paid ten per cent?—Yes, according to our contract we were to receive ten per cent. of the cost of the job.

You would also be supplied free by Government with plant to do the work?—Which is ordinarily the case with most contracts.

Let me put it this way. You have in fact been supplied by Government with plant to do the job on the tunnels?—No, in fact we secured plant for Government for which they paid and for which we got ten per cent, to which we are entitled under the contract.

You have been given plant by Government to do this job?—We have certain facilities Government has not.

Have you got the right type of equipment?—As much as we can secure.

Not Paid For

Have you paid for it?—No.

Do you pay for the hire of anything?—We receive hire.

Do you pay for anything on anything you do?—Everything comes through our company, but we do not pay for it ourselves.

Marsman's do not pay for that plant because you recover it from Government?—Yes.

The net result is that Government use the plant at different jobs?—Yes.

On top of that you get ten per cent. on the cost of hire?—We have no other means of getting any return.

Out of equipment you could not?—At cost plus ten per cent. naturally.

When Master Beckerleg came from Manila by air, did your firm pay his passage?—Yes.

Has that been charged to Government?—It has not.

You know the group of tunnels at Belcher?—Yes.

Can you tell us when you started to do that job?—I have to supply that information. It commenced several months ago.

Driving Completed

Is it completed yet?—It is completed so far as the driving is concerned. That was what we were actually concerned with in the original contract. Other problems, such as ventilation, the Government agreed to carry on.

But you are in fact performing that?—Yes.

It has not yet been completed?—No, for what reason I don't know.

Do you know when it will be completed?—As an ordinary citizen would you say that these tunnels are in fact able to house people for 24 hours?—They can be, but the ventilation in that area is particularly good.

Would they be able to stay 24 hours?—There is no sanitation there?—I think not. My company has arranged for sanitary accommodation to be installed.

There is some kind of ventilation?—The natural ventilation is sufficient, but it may be necessary to drive a few ventilating shafts for dead-ends.

There is a lot of seepage there?—There is, if it is not gunnited.

Assuming that water is dripping through rock, it will be necessary to gunnited the rock and that has not yet been done. Are the railway tracks pulled out?—Some are. We were held up by military considerations, but they finally agreed to let it through.

You know the site at Wyndham Street by the Dairy Farm? Has that been completed?—No.

You know when that started?—That tunnel system was started some time ago. After working on the general system it was decided that various other portals would be opened and that is the reason why some of the portals are now being opened.

Tunnels Committee

When you say it was decided, who decided that?—It was during one of the conferences held every Tuesday between the Public Works Department and the Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Is that known as the Tunnels Committee?—I did not know they had that name. Those who attended were Mr Pearce, Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins, Mr Bishop, Mr Campbell and Mr Librov.

They have been meeting every week since the tunnel system started?—Yes.

You take your orders from them?—Yes.

This Wyndham Street shaft goes very far down?—I forget the extent of it, but I know it is very deep. It goes down some 30 feet.

It is still in an early stage?—The connecting tunnels were started only a short time ago. Various technical reasons held it up.

Used Timber

When the work was first started, did you use timber or concrete for beams?—Timber entirely.

Do you know the amount of timber bought by you?—I cannot give it off-hand.

I take it Marsman bought the timber?—It was approved by Government.

After looking up some files, Mr Carrman announced that a total of \$476,945.97 had been expended on timber for tunnels. Included in the total was expenditure for smaller items.

Subsequently, it was found that owing to seepage of water, timber was not the right stuff to use and concrete was used?—This is not correct. They originally used nothing but timber. Then Government decided to use reinforced concrete beams.

Timber Replaced

Any timber replaced by reinforced concrete?—Yes.

Much or little?—I cannot give the actual amount but it was very small.

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P. W. D. & MARSMAN'S EXCHANGE LETTERS

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under the best condition would entail considerable expense. In this regard it was decided that we would call for tenders for haulage contracts to you for your consideration.

No Major Difficulties

Apart from these considerations we informed you that we saw no major difficulties in carrying out the work required and arrangements are in hand to start work immediately to continue with all possible speed.

It was decided that the tunnel entrances would be approximately ten feet by ten feet sections to taper to an eight feet by eight feet tunnel, all tunnel entrances to be finished in concrete blocks or other suitable material. In view of the large stock of railway ties in the Colony, it was decided that an eight by eight tunnel would be most economical.

Points Confirmed

The D.P.W. in a letter in reply to this confirmed that \$450,000 had been set aside for the experimental stage of the work, that the work was to be carried out on a basis of cost plus ten per cent. and that all labour costs and salaries of Marsman's staff directly employed in the work would be considered as a direct charge on the job.

Referring to the practical side of the undertaking it was noted that Marsman's had plant for five of the sites chosen and the letter observed that the absence of plant at that stage must not exclude the employment of hand labour at all other faces where such could be employed. It was agreed that the tunnel entrances were to be 10 by 10 and to taper to 8 by 8.

On February 14, 1941, the D.P.W. addressed a letter to Marsman's in which it was stated that as the initial stage of the A.R.P. work had since long passed and in view of the programme still to be undertaken, the D.P.W. was of the opinion in the interest of Government economy that the existing arrangement should be reviewed and it was suggested that Marsman's might be prepared to accept a reduced "percentage on costs" by the payment of \$20,347, being the outstanding balance of the amortisation account. All new plant acquired in the future to be purchased by Government except where circumstances dictate that other arrangements would be mutually more satisfactory. It is not possible to precisely indicate these.

Marsman's Reply

Replying to this letter on March 15, Marsman's said: "While we appreciate the views expressed by you, at the same time we feel that you do not realise the fact that our costs on this job are considerably more than the actual disbursement statements that we rendered to you. Under the circumstances, we offer the following for your consideration: that the present arrangement of cost plus ten per cent. be continued subject to a full calendar month's notice of termination.

"In suggesting the continuation of this arrangement, we must point out that we have not been making any profit on cost or as suggested in Paragraph 4 of your letter of September 18, we have not charged to the job any office or executive overheads. In fact we are not receiving the full salary of any of our men, many of whom are 'volving' full time to the work. Taking into consideration the executive overhead and full salaries together with promised bonuses which have helped greatly to accelerate the work, we shall not make more than about 6 1/2 per cent. on the cost which as you, we feel sure, will appreciate, is much below the usual profit on cost plus contracts of this nature.

"In order to meet you as far as possible, we agree to the suggestion as set forth in Paragraph 4 of your letter of the 14th ultimo. On the following terms: That the purchase of all new plant and the Government direct shall not be considered as a cost to the job unless purchased by us and then each individual purchase to be considered as an individual transaction on terms mutually agreed upon.

Profit Waived

In regard to this suggested arrangement we feel that it is only fair to us that we should remind you that a great amount of work has been put in by our Trading Department, who have sold all equipment and supplies at cost to the Government, thereby foregoing their usual profit which range from 20-30 per cent. in many items. In addition to this, we would point out that all purchases made through our Manila firm have been made at cost and that we shall have to pay them, a handling fee of five per cent."

The D.P.W. replied to this letter in the following terms on April 7, 1941: "I put to you that I am authorized by Government to extend the existing working agreement between your company and Government on the present terms of cost plus ten per cent. subject to a full calendar month's notice of termination and subject further to the following condition: That the purchase of all new plant made by Government direct shall not be considered as a cost subject to plus 10 per cent. but that all purchases of plant made upon you on behalf of Government shall be so subject; each such purchase made by you shall be considered as an individual transaction on terms mutually agreed upon.

"The arrangement to be in operation as and from April 1, 1941."

Considerable Commitments

The letter went on: "You will of course appreciate that it is impossible for us to declare to you the time or the amount which may be expended in these operations, but our commitments are very considerable.

"With regard to the amortisation of plant, it is agreed that Government shall acquire the existing plant now being hired upon amortisation basis for a sum of \$20,347, being the outstanding balance of the amortisation account. All new plant acquired in the future to be purchased by Government except where circumstances dictate that other arrangements would be mutually more satisfactory. It is not possible to precisely indicate these.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Racing Season Rolls Around Again

Beas River Paddocks Not Quite Ready

Ponies Weather Summer Well At Happy Valley

ANOTHER SUMMER has come and gone, but members of the Hongkong Jockey Club have not been able to make use of their own grazing ground in Fanling, owing to unsettled conditions the development of Fanling property has somewhat been delayed through lack of building materials, but it is reliably learned that the buildings and stables will be completed before the end of the year.

This huge property of the club has been named "Beas River Paddocks"—the future summer resort of our "dumb friends" during the recess.

It would really interest one to know what is the actual acreage of Beas River Paddocks, because land in the New Territories is very cheap. I reported in my racing notes of June 9, 1939, that the Hongkong Jockey Club had started negotiations to purchase a big piece of land for ponies to graze.

Since then they have purchased additional lots and the cost of land alone, I understand, is over \$38,000. Judging from the figures disclosed by the chairman, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, at the half-yearly general meeting held in May, there is good reason to believe that there will be accommodation for over five hundred ponies.

A sum of over \$200,000 had already been expended and the amount includes the purchase of additional lots, the cost of levelling, draining, tending and fencing, and the planting of trees and shrubs.

It is estimated that a further sum of three lakhs will be required for the full development of the property. When completed it will undoubtedly be the only racing club in the Orient that will have an up-to-date grazing ground for the sole use of members.

Summered Well

HOWEVER, in the absence of a luxurious grassland, all the Australian and China ponies (excepting a few) did not leave the Colony for their holidays, and there is no doubt that all of them had spent the summer well at the stables, Village Road.

It appears all the racers were delighted to get back in harness, and, of course, training is now in full swing with the work more or less confined to a collected pace. We are bound to see some fast gallops during next week.

Transfers

THERE have been a good few transfers of Australian and China racers to several new homes, and all of them will, of course, run under their new respective racing colours at the coming meeting.

The most important change is Mrs. Gracely's Snapper going to the stable, Tasma, belonging to Capt. Holmes, while Lady Northcote's Devonian has been made a gift to Mrs. W. T. Stanton.

The novice jockey T. L. Tseng is now the owner of A Good Time, Pignall and Pumpernickel, and C. L. Gregory is going to have "a go" at that sulky pony, Silver Spear.

Rivulet seems to like her new owners, Shiu Brothers, and Santa Anita becomes the property of Li Chuk-lai.

As to quantity, S. W. Lee has added to his long string, Eve of

Newcomers Prominent At Morning "Pows" Advice To Novices

FOUR SUCCESSFUL POWS

were held during the early mornings without rain to mar the unofficial meetings.

I am not a Chinese scholar, but I have been represented to me on good authority that the word "pow" in Shanghai among the trainers and jockeys means a "trial" between two or more ponies. The "dark horse" racket in Shanghai originated from these pows and Hongkong copied the line of business from a different angle.

There are a few newcomers worth watching among the novice events and the best three are E. Bluestone, L. G. Perkins and T. L. Tseng.

The latter rode a smart race on A Good Time because his judgment of pace was certainly good and there was a perfect rhythm in the combination.

The success of B. K. Yin on Odeon was a motorcar ride, for his mount was far too good against the other stumers.

The Jitters

I have nothing to gain in saying that a few apprentices among the "also rans" appeared to have the jitters and they were certainly afraid to be up with the field.

St. Winston Churchill of the Fourth Hussars, now the Prime Minister, once said:

"No hour of life is lost that is spent in the saddle. Young men have often been ruined through owning horses, or through backing horses, but never through riding them. Unless, of course, they break their necks, which, taken at a gallop, is a very good death to die."

Everybody knows that it is against the rules of racing to cross, jostle, or any act on the part of the jockey, but there can be no disqualification to be up with the field provided, of course, the novice keeps a straight course without interfering with other runners.

The incessant practice of keeping too far back must be avoided at the beginning (never to be afraid of the "aud bath" or bumping at the start) otherwise one will never reach the top of the ladder.

Dancing, Eve of Hunting, Eve of Folly, Just in Time, King Kong, Sam's Choice and This Time, and this young novice owner now has over three dozen racers.

Australians' Autumn Plate On September 27

Colossal Weight For United Express

A FINE PROGRAMME has been framed by the racing Stewards for the extra meeting to be held on September 27, and the Double Tenth Meeting's programme of two days has also been announced.

1942 Race Fixtures

Annual Meeting Brought Forward One Month

A LIST of race fixtures for 1942 under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club has been circulated to members and it may interest the racing public to know that there are two additional extra meetings as against 13 of the present season.

The Annual Carnival has been brought forward almost a month, and the first extra meeting is scheduled to be held on February 21.

The following is a list of 1942's fixtures:

Saturday, January 31—Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 3—do
Saturday, February 7—First Extra.
Saturday, February 14—Second Extra.
Saturday, March 1—Third Extra.
Saturday, March 8—Fourth Extra.
Monday (Easter), April 6—Fourth Extra.
Saturday, April 12—Fifth Extra.
Saturday, May 2—Sixth Extra.
Saturday, May 9—Seventh Extra.
Monday (Whitsun), May 25 (Seventh Extra).
Saturday, June 6—Eighth Extra.
Saturday, September 27—Ninth Extra.
Saturday, October 4—Tenth Extra.
Saturday, October 11—Eleventh Extra.
Saturday, November 1—Twelfth Extra.
Saturday, November 8—Thirteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 6—Fourteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 13—Fifteenth Extra.

Cesarewitch Stakes On October 10

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES will have its first running on October 10, and the first prize is \$1,500 to the winner. Being an open handicap for all comers, the contest will no doubt attract many nominations and the result of the classic will serve a good pointer for the two St. Leger's Extra, Australian subscription ponies and crinins of this season.

Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League

SEVEN TEAMS will contest the championship in the Indian Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League to commence on September 27-28 when three matches will be staged each day.

There will be home and away matches and the League, if the fixtures are adhered to, will not be completed till the middle of November.

The fixtures have been arranged that each team will be occupied twice during the week-end, once at home and the other time away.

Following are the fixtures for the first week-end:

Saturday, September 27—5th A.A. R.A. v. Hongkong Mule Corps; 12th R.A. v. H.K.S.R.A.; 2nd/14th Punjab v. 3th Regt., R.A.
Sunday, September 28—Rajput Regt. v. 5th A.A. R.A.; H.K. Mule Corps v. 12th R.A.; H.K.S.R.A. v. 2nd/14th Punjab.

U. S. Charity Football

New York, Sept. 4. In professional football to-day the Giants defeated the Eastern Collegians last night 23-3 in the sixth annual charity game.—United Press.

The resumption of our fortnightly meetings will be marked by the introduction of three divisions in the Cantala Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs coupled with the inaugural contest, Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over a long distance of two and a quarter miles.

The innovation means another forward move in the interest of owners and the racing public, and it will undoubtedly be much appreciated by the punters.

Most Important

THERE is no space here to reproduce the ten interesting events of the September meeting, but the most important race on the card is the Australian Subscription Ponies' Autumn Plate confined to the Subscription ponies of this season.

The weight to be carried by the candidates is 140 lb. with a pound penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes and the jant is a run over the champion course of one and a quarter miles. The winner is to receive \$1,500 while the second will get \$600 and the third prize is \$300.

The conditions of this classic event will inhibit the owner of United Express from entering his champion sub on account of the preposterous imposition of a handicap.

Probables

WE will have the entries for the classic after the closing on Thursday, September 18, but in the meanwhile I append below a list of probable nominations with their respective weights:

Animal Star	Stakes won	Weight
Araxy II	\$1,500	148 lb.
A Surprising Time	1,000	140
Handicap	1,500	147
Black Sea	1,000	145
Joan Vaccinia	1,000	145
Bugle	2,000	155
Corsair	1,000	147
Crack Shot	1,200	140
Dashing Debut	600	145
Dutch Treat	2,000	150
Endeavour	5,574	168
Happy Returns	4,700	164
Hole in One	1,000	145
Joan	1,000	145
King's Flight	2,237	157
Leek-Fly	2,000	150
Mainsail	3,000	160
Manhattan	1,000	140
Maple Leaf	1,000	145
Moonglow	3,500	157
Never-Nod	1,000	145
Optima Fide	1,000	145
Regal Sovereign	1,000	145
Santa Anita	3,000	160
Sydney Lady	1,000	145
Tien Tien	1,000	145
United Express	10,000	165
Vitamin M	500	144
Wayworth	1,000	145

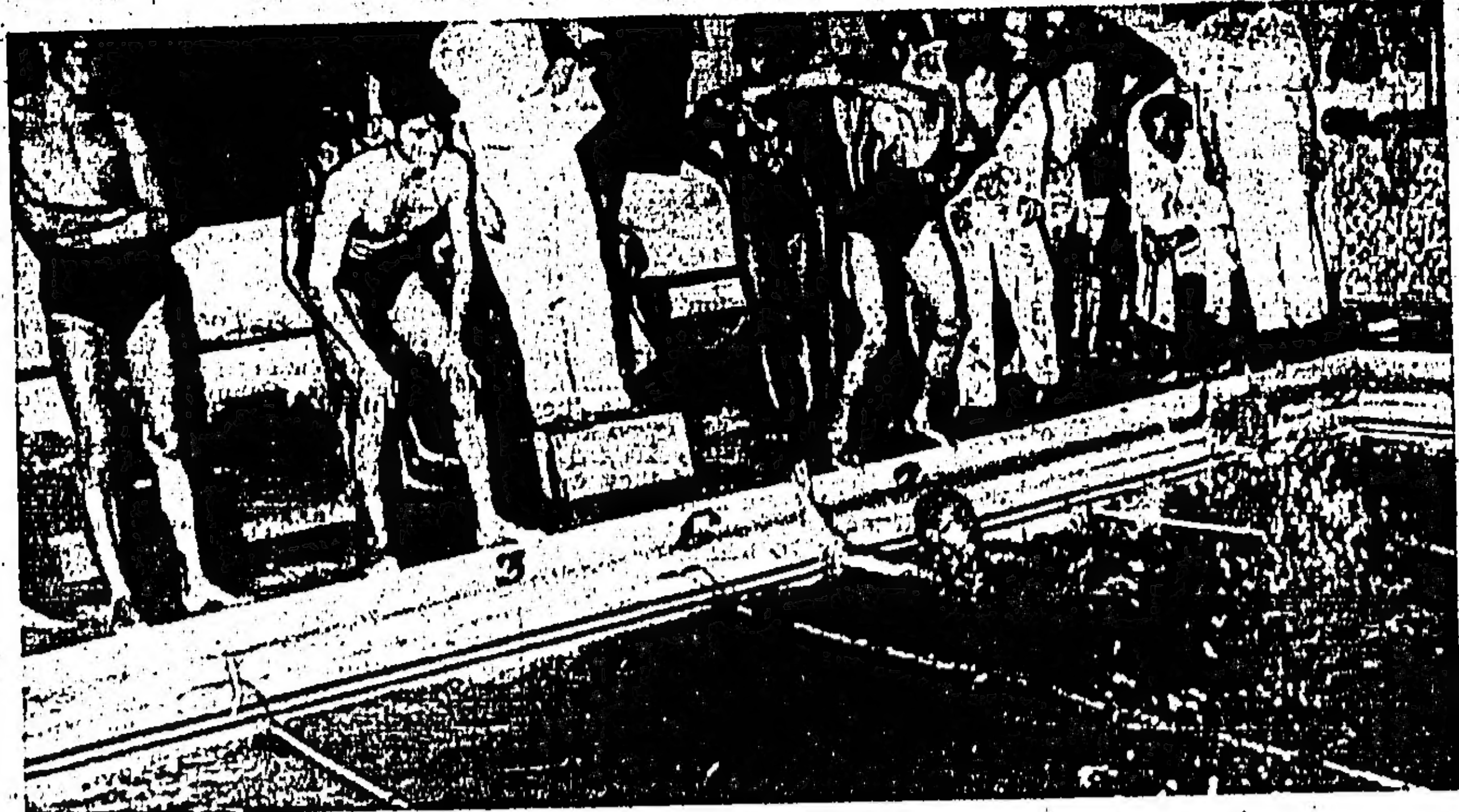
It will be seen from the above that United Express (if entered) has to shoulder 165 lb. over a middle distance run of 1 1/4 miles and it is interesting that the weight over the new scale for inches is a penalty of 43 lb.

It is without any question a terrific penalty, but one must not overlook the fact that the pony has had a good innings and has gained \$10,000. United Express will be entered, for it would be wasting the nomination fee \$5.

Other Heavies

ENDEAVOUR has also a heavy burden of 168 lb. to carry and the next in order comes Happy Returns with 164 lb. on her back. A Surprising Time has to tip the scale at 161 lb. while Mainsail has to draw 160 lb.

It is useless to discuss the prospects at this juncture, for the trainers have over a fortnight to trim their candidates. But the race will be full of interesting possibilities.



The 120 yards medley relay at the Lai Tsun-University gala last week-end. Kenneth Lo ready to take over for the breast-stroke, while Tsang Cheong-ming just diving off as Lau Yiu-ting touches.—Ming Yuen.

Bumper Entries Expected For Colony Aquatic Championships

Chan Chun-nam Ready To Defend His Titles

(By "Tinker")

THERE'S NOTHING NEW from swimming circles. The majority are awaiting the climax of the season—the Colony Championships, which will be held on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4.

The closing day for entries, by the way, is to-morrow. Heats will be held between September 9 and 13, but the order of events has not yet been decided. This will depend on entries.

But there promises to be a bumper entry this year. Conversation invariably turns in that direction, while Ng Nin and one or two others have already availed themselves of the facilities of the V.R.C. for practice.

The recent form of Chan Chun-nam, which happily shatters all rumour of unfitness, has raised anticipations of yet further records in the middle distances.

Twice within one week he bettered his Colony 440 time of last year, though it must be remembered that on both occasions he was swimming in the Chinese "Y" pool which is only 20 yards long.

The only other quarter-mile to approach within these times has been of Chan who has also been doing extremely well throughout the year.

Ng Nin was the great threat to most titles last year, but he found himself pressed by the crowded protection. This year different conditions exist. The heats and finals are spread over four weeks. There are only three men's events on each of the four final days.

As regards the sprints, not only has Davis Hutchinson been out of the picture for quite some time, but

a new threat in Tsui Hing has come into being.

OF the women, most improved has been Celeste Gutierrez. Running a close second, however, is Ho Wai-ling of the Chinese Bathing Club. They will offer a challenge, but should not be able to beat Vivienne Churn over the 50 and 100 yards.

Mrs. Gutierrez should have little difficulty in taking the women's 220 and 440 yards free-style events.

Added to this trio will be Ko Mui-ling, of Lai Tsun, and So Wai-ying of the same Club—the latter the back-stroke mermaid. Tsang Fung-kwan, of Lai Tsun and Li Po-luen, of South China, are the outstanding breast-stroke swimmers, though Vivienne Churn must be considered for the 50 yards.

Jackie Anderson has been "down" for two weeks with flu, and though she returns to training to-day it is a matter of opinion how much of her old form she can recover in the short time left.

WITH the Championships, the V.R.C. will conclude a successful season, one which has been above the average in ambition. Their best initiative was shown in the arrangement of the "Inter-Schools" gala last month.

The Club may be suffering from a lack of swimmers, but there's nothing wrong with their spirit.

St Leger Call-Over

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Latest call-over for the St Leger which is being run on September

26, was as follows:

6-1 (c) Owen Tudor, 12-3 (t); 6-1 (t & c) Chateau La Rose, 17-3 (t & c) Sunnyside, 9-1 (c) Devonian, 100-8 (t & c) Royalist, 100-8 (c) Bakhtawar, 100-8 (c) Lambert Simnel and Starwort, 25-1 (c) Orbedox and Ptolemy, 25-1 (c) Dancing Time, 25-1 (t & c) Felius, 25-1 (c) Score 2/1, 55-1 (c) Royal Academy, 55-1 (c) Felles, 100-1 (c) Hanger.

Kovacs Enters Singles Semi-finals

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 3 (Reuter).—Frankie Kovacs, indoor champion, who is fancied to succeed McNeill, entered the U.S. National Tennis semi-finals by beating Jack Kramer, 6-4, 7-5, 7-5.

The women's semi-finalists include Margaret Osborne and Pauline Iyer. Miss Osborne, though not ranked in the first ten American tennis players, is enjoying a brilliant season and is capable of upsetting anybody. Miss Iyer is now the favourite for the title, the winning of which would confirm the impression existing for several months that she is the outstanding player at present in American women's tennis.—Reuter.

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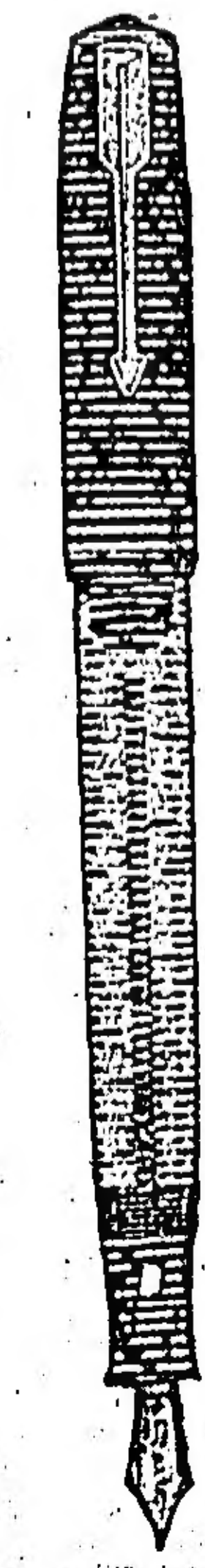
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Moscow Prepares For Long Siege

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Moscow authorities are taking all steps to ensure that the city's population shall have as comfortable a time as possible during the winter. Huge reserves of food are being stored, including 400,000 tons of potatoes, and 214,000 tons of other vegetables.

Last night, Moscow City Council's President, M. Pronin stated that the work of fixing up Moscow's underground stations as air-raid shelters was being completed.

Thousands of beds for children, and a double layer of bunks for grown-ups are being provided on stations which have also been provided with running water, good sanitation and even a radio set.

The House Committee have arranged special corners in the shelters with beds for children, and in districts where there are many wooden dwellings, 10,000 dug-out shelters have been constructed with bunks and stoves. Some 3,300 houses are being strengthened to resist the effects of bomb blast. All this work is scheduled to be completed by October 17.

M. Pronin urged the utmost economy in the use of wood and coal, although Moscow has considerable supplies.

FOUR NEW ENGLISH BISHOPS

Former Soldier

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The four new Bishops whose nomination is approved by the King include the Right Reverend Noel Baring Hudson, who became a Brigadier-General in the last war at the age of 23 and won the D.S.O. and Military Cross with a bar.

Bishop Hudson, who becomes Bishop of Newcastle, is Secretary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Other new Bishops are Canon Frank R. Barry, Sub-Dean of Westminster, who becomes Bishop of Southwell; Dr R. G. Parsons, Bishop of Southwark, who becomes Bishop of Hereford; and the Rev. W. W. Cash, General Secretary of the Missionary Society, who becomes Bishop of Worcester.

Bishop Cash was previously the Society's Secretary for Palestine, Egypt and North Sudan. He served as Treasury Chairman to the Forces from 1916 to 1920 and won the D.S.O.

SIMLA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Raj has decided to give financial assistance to gliding in the country and will be granting 27,500 spread over two years. A gliding centre was recently started in Poona.

NAZIS WONT FEED THEIR VICTIMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Sept. 4 (UP).—The "German principle by which the occupying government is in no wise obliged to feed the population of the occupied countries" was stressed by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman according to the Berlin Correspondent of the "Gazette de Lausanne". The spokesman added that it is the policy of the Reich to feed its own people and would not take any responsibility for such feeding.

South America Leaders Urge Continental Unity

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The importance of Pan-American unity in the face of dangers arising from the present war was stressed in speeches made at a banquet given to the delegations of Paraguay and Argentina.

The Chief of the Brazilian General Staff, General Monteiro, paid tribute to the admirable spirit of collaboration on the American continent which had been given expression to by the policy of good neighbourliness.

He urged the necessity of intensifying the unity of the American continent so as to make it inaccessible to greed and at the same time unconquerable.

The present war, he said, afforded many lessons; among them that a weak Power which did not unite in time and with sincerity, or which thought that it could safeguard itself from being drawn into conflict by various excuses would end by becoming trampled upon by the uncontrolled fury of the belligerents who

admitted no right except their own interests.

Vital Spaces

The South American continent should unite in order to be ready to face the danger resulting from the aims of those who sought the domination of vital continental and ocean spaces.

Even if the pessimistic forecasts alluded to in the recent speech of Mr Henry L. Stimson, the United States Secretary of State for War, were not realised, that should not discourage them from protecting their own integrity by action clearly conforming to the American spirit.

The Argentine Minister of War, replying, said that when an American went to another part of the American continent, he did not feel that he was leaving his own country.

Realistic Singapore Exercises

SINGAPORE, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Defence exercises with "effects" will be held here in the middle of September lasting two days. They will be so realistic that the population has been warned in advance not to be alarmed.

A communique announcing the exercises declares that the measures need cause no alarm. They are merely a contribution towards the training of services on whose work the community will depend in an emergency.

U. S. Weapons For Poland's Soldiers

Lease-Lend Order

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has authorised the first Lease-Lend aid to the Polish Government, permitting military equipment to go to Polish soldiers now training in Canada for action overseas.

A White House announcement said that under the President's order, machine-guns, rifles, artillery, equipment, lorries and other supplies will be sent to these troops in future.

The statement added that President Roosevelt had "stressed the importance of this new aid to the Government of Poland as a continuing expression of the policy of the United States to aid all who resist aggression."

Vital To U.S.A.

President Roosevelt declared that the resistance of the Polish forces was "vital to the defence of the United States," added the authorisation. The United States Government's intention to give material support to the "fighting determination of the Polish people to establish once again the independence of which they are so inhumanly deprived."

Lowering Income Tax Exemptions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (UP).—The Senate by a vote of 43 to 23 lowered the personal income tax exemptions in the \$3,070,000,000 revenue bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee providing for the present \$300 exemption for single persons to be lowered to \$750 and the present \$2,000 exemption for married couples to be lowered to \$1,500.

Kerr Wants Aid To China Unified

SHANGHAI, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, has appointed a special committee to unify all British organisations rendering aid to China.

The committee will be authorised to take direct control of all British aid services to China, according to reports in the Chinese press here.

Governor departs To-morrow

It is announced that His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will make their official farewells at Queen's Pier at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday), on which occasion they will also be glad to see any friends not otherwise invited. All are asked to be at the Pier not later than 9.25 a.m.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will leave Government House shortly before 9.30 a.m. and proceed to the Pier via Garden Road, Queen's Road, Jackson Road and Connaught Road. They will be preceded by a motor cycle escort of the Hongkong Police; the route will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic by the Police.

On arrival at Queen's Pier His Excellency will inspect a Guard of Honour provided by the First Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

After inspecting the Guard of Honour, His Excellency and Lady Northcote will say farewell to those assembled on Queen's Pier and then embark on the Governor's barge. As the barge leaves Queen's Pier, a salute of 17 guns will be fired by the Royal Navy from H.M.S. Tamar.

Dress is: Uniform (jackets and trousers) for those entitled to wear it; lounge suits (summer) for others.

FALL OF FOOCHOW EXPLAINED

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—

An attempt to explain the Japanese withdrawal from Fochow, the capital of Fukien Province and Treaty Port, is made by the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

It says that there is no longer any strategic necessity for the continued occupation. It further remarks that "Chinese elements of Fochow have shown themselves capable of administering Japanese reforms themselves" and adds that the Japanese withdrawal has "provided the world with a concrete case of respect for territorial integrity and sovereign rights such as the Atlantic Charter required."

Mamoi Recaptured

CHUNGKING, Sept. 4 (Central News).—Mamoi, 10 miles southeast of Fochow on the Min River, was recaptured by Chinese troops at 2 p.m. yesterday.

On the northern bank the Chinese, following their entry into Lienkiang, are pursuing the Japanese fleeing toward Kuanwangtow, while on the southern bank, they are launching spirited attacks on the Japanese at Hankow where they are boarding their warships.

Severe losses are reported to have been sustained by the Japanese in their retreat from points along the Min River.

S'hai Industry Decline

Effects of "Freezing"

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Domel).—Ever since the United States freezing of Japanese assets on August 26, industrial activity in the Shanghai International Settlement has been showing a steady decline. The China Shogyo newspaper reports quoting figures released by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

According to mid-August figures, there has been no noticeable change in the activity of textile industries in Shanghai, though employers at present are troubled by the reduction of electric power distribution and by the lack of raw materials. Machine factories and metal work industries have stopped working overtime, owing to the restrictions on exports. With molasses unobtainable, alcohol manufacturers have been compelled to curtail their output, while the lack of peppermint is also affecting those engaged in manufacturing peppermint oil.

The statistics reveal that small scale manufacturers of flashlight bulbs have closed down, all-ailments have suspended work and dye industries are doing only intermittent business. Japanese-owned cigarette factories are reported, however, to be booming, while two major Chinese cigarette factories are continuing in operation.

Myron Taylor

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Mr Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, left by Clipper to-day for Lisbon en route to Rome, having recuperated from a severe illness that has lasted several months.

SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO NAZIS

Leningrad's Forts

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—An unconfirmed report that the army of Marshal Ritter von Leib has contacted Soviet defence lines between ten and twelve miles west and south of Leningrad was telegraphed to-day by the correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet."

These defences are stated to consist of a series of forts remaining from the civil war of 1919 which have been supplemented and strengthened. These forts, the correspondent continues, are regarded as a serious obstacle by the Germans, calling for strong air attacks if they are to be overcome.

Crediting the Germans with the wish to spare Leningrad the horrors of war, the correspondent mentions that there are no reports of fire-bombing attacks on the city itself.

Dual Attack Likely

It is understood, however, that when the weather permits the Germans are making an attack on the Leningrad defence line and the great naval base at Kronstadt protecting the city.

The Russians are reported to be carrying out extensive counter-attacks in the central sector of the vast battle-front. These counter-attacks, it is stated, are proceeding along a line running south from Viazma (halfway between Smolensk and Moscow) but a claim is made in Berlin that they are not checking the German encircling movement based on Gomel and designed eventually to shut in Kiev.

Beyond claims of the establishment of bridgeheads on the lower Dnieper, reports reaching Berlin about the situation in the Ukraine are scanty. It is suggested, however, that there will very soon be news of the launching of a big German offensive towards the important Donetz industrial region, which is considered more important than Kiev and Leningrad.

Finnish Claims

Besides claiming to have reached the former Soviet-Finnish frontier at all points on the Karelian Isthmus, Helsinki telegrams report an intensification of the drive towards the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway in the northern part of the front. This drive seems to be based on three sectors in the "waist" of Finland where the railway runs nearest to the Finnish frontier.

The capture of Salla, Kuusamo and Uhtua in this area is claimed by the Finns. These places were ceded to the Soviet Union after the winter war of 1940.

It is added that the Finns have now reached their old frontier everywhere except in the Fishermen's Peninsula on the Arctic Ocean.

MUNITIONS WORKS New Factory In India

SIMLA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—One of the most important factory expansion projects recommended by the Chatfield Committee is practically completed with the installation and putting to use of a new open hearth furnace at the new steel-works of the Metal and Steel Factory.

The new works actually replace the old steel works which is being dismantled for re-equipment of buildings as a heavy bomb factory.

A 2,000-ton gun-forging press installed in another factory has undergone trials.

Several forging presses have also been installed.

The shipbuilding directorate is working at full pressure in the construction of numerous types of seagoing vessels and river craft, notably mine-sweepers.

The construction of floating docks for the Admiralty will also be undertaken, shortly.

BANGKOK, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Taki Tsubokami, the first Japanese Ambassador to Thailand, arrived here to-day.

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Summary Of War Fronts: Finns' Decision Awaited

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The most complete reserve on the progress of fighting on the eastern front which continues to be maintained by German and Soviet communiques cannot hide the fact that there is crystallisation of the situation in three directions.

Marshal Mannerheim has announced that the Finnish forces have reached the old frontiers on the Karelian Isthmus and it will not be long before it is known whether his Order of the Day reminding his soldiers that the time has not arrived for turning "swords into ploughshares" means that they are to continue to wage war for Germany's benefit, or whether they will rest on their laurels and remain on guard over the restored Finnish territory.

A tremendous battle is now raging for Leningrad. Against those formidable rings of outer defences, the German forces are throwing masses of troops and hundreds of aeroplanes without so far, it appears, making any real impression on the great air defences and military and citizen army which Marshal Voroshilov has assembled.

Counter-Attacks

It is believed that the Soviet attack on an enemy salient in the central sector of the front, in which they hurled the Germans back 30 miles and captured 27 villages, is probably the counter-attack which was seen by Lieut-General Mason Macfarlane, head of the British Military Mission, somewhere north-east of Smolensk.

This, although a considerable operation, was not on the scale of the counter-attack for the protection of the Russian salient at Kiev about which details are waited in London.

The drama of the vast struggle in Russia which is rapidly approaching decisions of vital consequence

to the future course of the war overshadowed for the moment, but should not be allowed to black-out other interesting considerations. One is that the misgivings of the military leaders as well as private citizens in Germany on the way the war is going for them are now being freely expressed.

Danger In Conquests

General Kabisch, in a remarkable article in the "Deutsches Volk," it is learned from Prague, points to the teachings of Clausewitz that conquering enemy territory without substantial gains could lead to the weakening of Germany's own position.

General Kabisch, with an eye on Russia's reserves in manpower and material, adds: "This applies especially to a war in the east where our aim must be to defeat the Red Army to such an extent that our force can resume the offensive against England or in the Near East." Another consideration is that under cover of Germany's preoccupation in Russia, the emigration of the armies of the British Empire and Britain—from Canada to England, from England to South Africa, Australia and India to the Middle East, from India and Australia to the Far East—has reached formidable proportions and must soon be ready to meet all eventualities on the existing and potential battle-fields.

Mackenzie King

That Mr Mackenzie King, one of the leading personalities of the Empire and very close to President Roosevelt, has been instructed in these eventualities in the highest British councils concerned with all questions of strategy and war which are pending, was one of the most interesting references to the Canadian Prime Minister's visit to London and Canadian forces made by Mr Churchill at Mansion House to-day.

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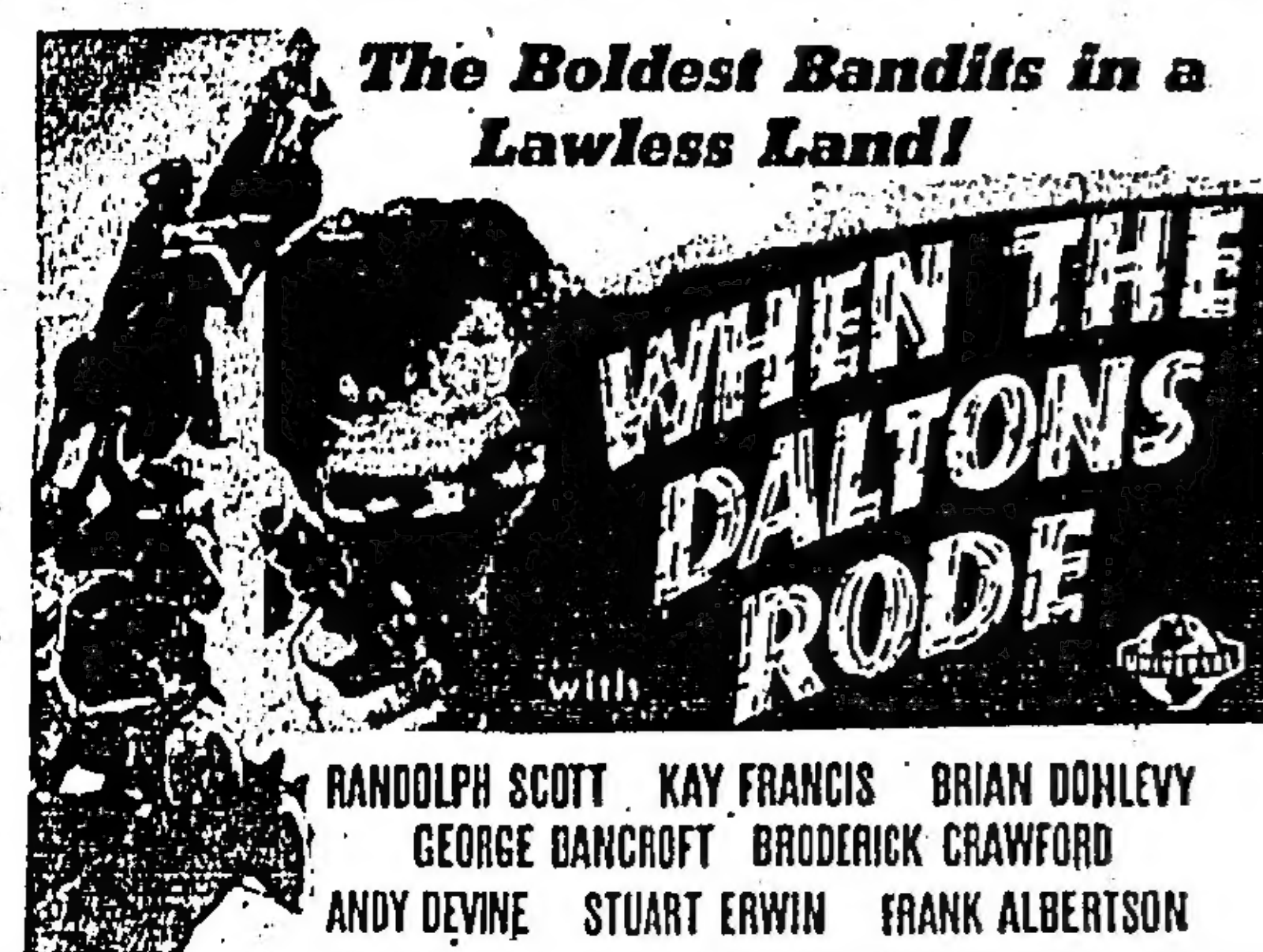


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Germans Abandon Many Positions

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the rest of the country by means of various outposts.

Colossal Casualties

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—

Reports reaching London indicate that the total German losses in the Soviet campaign so far are 1,750,000 dead, wounded and missing.

Russian losses are estimated at between two and three million in identifying the colossal size of the action.

The Russians it is claimed have 9,000,000 men in the field and between four and five million additional men are to be put into the field shortly.

Nazis "Radio Victory"

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, today ridiculed the German radio claim of the capture of Briansk which he called a "radio victory."

Asked by "Reuter" whether other German attempts had been made to cross the Dnieper by pontoon similar to that recounted in the Soviet communique, M. Lozovsky admitted that a number of such attempts were made but that all failed.

He added that the Germans, on still distant approaches to Leningrad, were unable to advance and that they were obliged to rush up large reinforcements in order to maintain their positions.

Finnish Losses

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (UP).—A dispatch from the front to the newspaper "Izvestia" to-day reported that the 45 day battle somewhere on the Finnish sector cost the Finns 18,000 killed or wounded.

The Finnish tactics were calculated to advance toward Lake "N", split the Red forces and enable the Germans to thrust in the main directions.

Russians swim across the deep lake carrying artillery, entrenched themselves on the enemy shore and are continuing to repel the Finnish assaults.

Terse Communique

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the communique the Soviet Information Bureau issued at 11 p.m. G.M.T.:

"During September 4, our troops continued to fight the enemy along the entire front.

"On September 2, our air force destroyed 52 enemy planes in air combats and on their aerodromes. We lost 28 planes."

No Red Fleet Losses

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Not a single Soviet warship has been sunk in the Baltic, it is officially announced.

Reds' Communique

On Latest Fighting

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German military machine was willing to go all out for the capture of the city.

German authorities have maintained a week-long silence regarding the eastern front and usually informed circles are without news except for a report that the Finns are now less than 40 miles from Leningrad in the Karelian Isthmus.

Hungarian Communique

BUDAPEST, Sept. 4 (UP).—The official Hungarian news agency issued the following communique to-day:

"Allied troops continued their successful operations. During combats round the Dnieper River, the enemy suffered heavy losses.

"After stubborn hand-to-hand fighting, Hungarian troops occupied important positions. The enemy attempted a counter-attack but were repulsed, leaving many dead and a great number of prisoners."

ITALIAN SUB. SUNK

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The sinking of an Italian submarine by the British cruiser Hermione is reported in an Admiralty communique.

It says that the Hermione, (Captain G. N. Oliver, R.N.) recently sighted an Italian U-boat on the surface shortly before dawn. While the cruiser altered course and increased to full speed, the enemy attempted to "crash-dive," but the Hermione cut the U-boat in half, carrying a portion of the wreckage away on her bows.

There were no survivors from the U-boat.

Swimming

Arrangements For Practice In V.R.C. Pool

IN CONNECTION with the coming swimming Championships, the authorities of the V.R.C. wish it to be known that their pool is open to intending competitors for training.

There is one condition, however, for the pool suffers from congestion from Club members themselves, and that is that Club representatives make application to the V.R.C. who will be only too pleased to make allotment of certain days for such training. This will alleviate any undue crowding of the pool.

Officials Selected

Officials for the Meet have been selected as follows:

Referee—A. Agabeg. J. C. Ip, Chan Sien-put and L. M. Remedios.

Judges (diving)—L. M. Remedios, G. Agabeg, A. A. Gutierrez, K. I. Ip, and Alfred Ho Siew-um.

Starter—L. A. Soares.

Scorers—A. T. Lee, A. A. Noronha and C. M. Xavier.

Time Keepers—A. Ho Siew-um, S. H. Wong, A. A. Gutierrez, C. M. Xavier, O. et Arculli, L. A. Soares and representatives from Eastern and Sino Tao.

Announcer—M. A. de Souza.

LATE NEWS

This Morning's A.R.P. Inquiry

(Continued from Page 5.)

believe. I thought it was strange we had not been consulted. I went to have a look at the sites myself and found it was true. Someone was starting work.

Have you not heard who sub-let the contract? I don't know, but I think it was discussed at one of the Tuesday meetings.

Tests Carried Out

Is your firm actually doing the ventilation work?—Since that time, we decided to use ventilation through shafts. Later when the matter came up, I questioned officials again on the other system and the matter was reviewed. A Committee, I believe, was appointed. We carried out one or two tests in connection with the system and hired coolies to try to substantiate the merits of both systems.

Are you now doing the ventilation system?—We are in some of the tunnels but I don't know what policy has been decided on.

Who instructed you to start the ventilation system?—It was at the Tuesday meeting.

Is there anything in writing?—I think there is. We have been instructed to design various fans which we have done and made.

Installation Of Fans

You don't know off-hand how many fans you have installed in these tunnels?—We have made in the neighbourhood of 12 to 15.

How many have you installed?—I cannot tell. We try to get the most satisfactory system to that end.

Government has decided to send Mr. Campbell and Mr. Curtis to Chungking a few days ago.

Until Messrs Campbell and Curtis went to Chungking, do you know if they had seen any tunnel ventilation system? Have you yourself?

—The system is the same as that we use in our mines. The Chinese shafts have not got proper ventilation systems. As a matter of precaution we are going into the matter in detail. We have got Mr. Newman, our consulting engineer, from Singapore whom he had been working. He is here now and is checking on the ventilation.

You have no recent definite instructions to install mechanical ventilation systems?—On certain sites.

Have mechanical systems been installed in these sites?—Yes, on other sites the work is held up by lack of entrance. We make the fans and Government purchases the engines.

Mr. Corman was requested to supply information on the timber purchased, the price paid, and his firm's dealings in concrete at this afternoon's hearing.

ENEMY CONVOY RAIDED

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dumps at Gambut where a number of fires were seen to break out.

Springboks Get Five

Yesterday, in the frontier area, fighters of the South African Air Force intercepted a number of enemy fighters which attempted to attack our forward landing grounds. In air combats, five of the enemy fighters were shot down without loss to our formation.

No British aircraft is missing from these operations.

JAPANESE SHIPS COLLIDE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HAKODATE, Sept. 5 (Danel).—The 5,230-ton Tokusan Maru of the Osaka Toyoko Kisen Kaisha collided yesterday afternoon with the 5,201-ton Kold Maru of the Yokohama Hashimoto Kisen Kaisha off Airo Point on the eastern Saghalien coast, according to distress messages received by the Government wireless station here.

The 895-ton salvage ship Nasu Maru of the Japan Salvage Association reported that it reached the two ships. The Tokusan Maru is listing dangerously while the Kold Maru is not in danger.

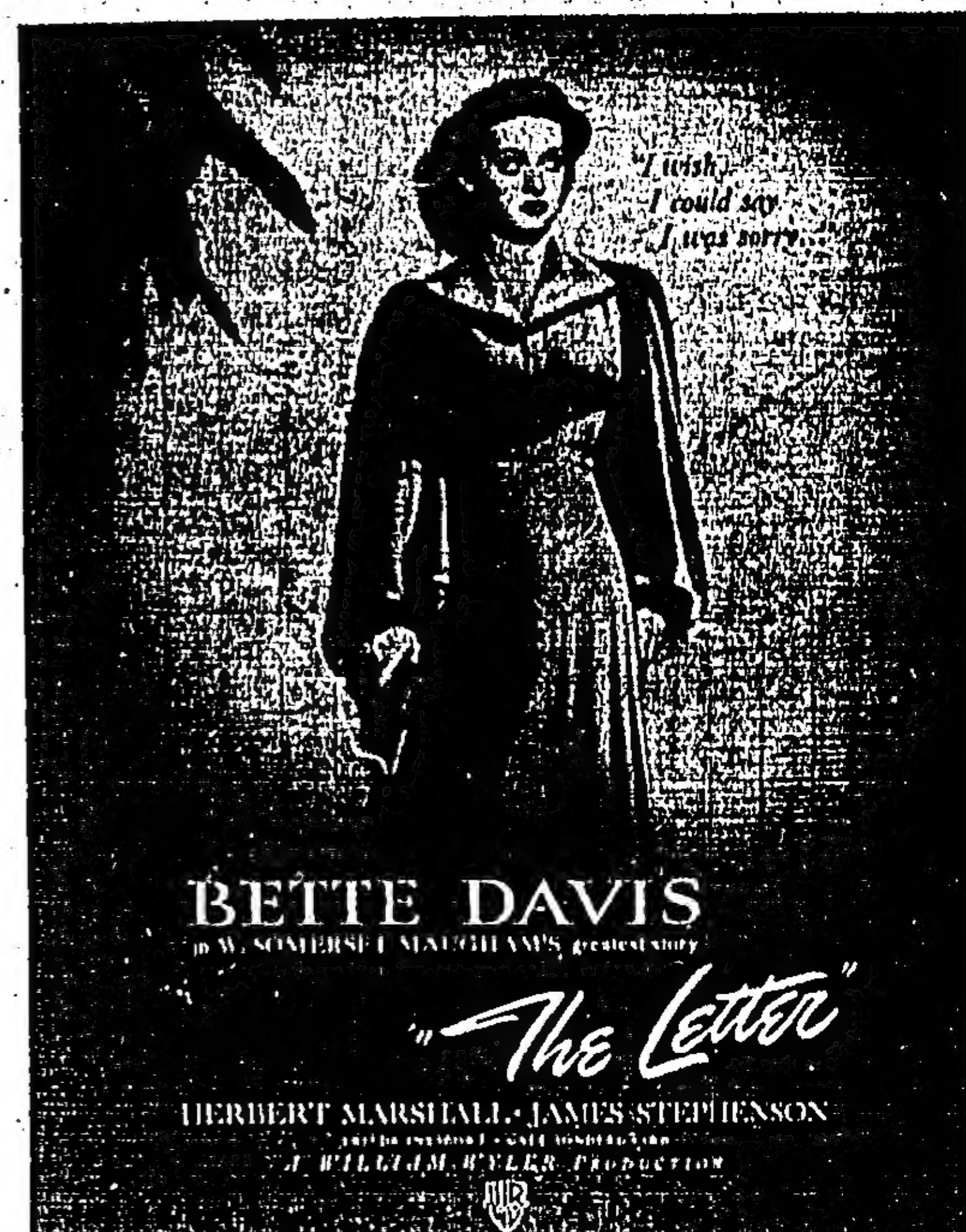
The 127-ton Mamiya Maru of the North Japan Kisen Kaisha wireless-ed that she was groping her way through a dense fog and expected to reach the distressed vessels early last night.

Thai-Indo-China

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—According to a Saigon telegram, Thailand has notified the Japanese members of the Border Demarcation Committee that the withdrawal of Thai troops from that zone on the Indo-China frontier which is to be demilitarised has been completed.

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Heavy Daylight Raid Over Northern France

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—A heavy attack is believed to have been made by a large force of bombers and fighters over Northern France this afternoon. Aircraft were heard flying across the Channel at a great height.

About an hour later bombers in formation, escorted by many squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes, re-crossed the southeast coast on the way home.

Meanwhile anti-aircraft fire had been heard from the French coast and there were also heavy explosions believed to have been the crashing of bombs.

Rotterdam Docks

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—It is learned that one Fortress aircraft bombed docks at Rotterdam, this afternoon.

Toll of Fighters

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Eleven enemy fighters were destroyed to-day and seven British fighters are missing.

Pursuers Out-Climbed

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The

The gunner in the Fortress felt a twinge of toothache owing to the steep rate of climb but otherwise none of the crew suffered and no damage was done to the aircraft, says the Air Ministry.

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